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BRITONS IN THE NORTHERN AREA.

### HOME ASSURANCE.

British Forces In Tientsin Readily Augmented.

#### QUESTIONS ASKED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

No difficulty is anticipated in strengthening the British forces in Tientsin, it needs be, for the protection of Britons in the North China danger zone, said Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) in the House of Commons.

Following the "secrecy" on the reported approach of the Southern allies, a series of questions have been put in Parliament. Sir Austen made a long statement in which he said that neither of the parties involved in Shantung had intimated that mediation by H.M.'s Government is acceptable.

Britain has expressed sympathy with Japan and Japan has given Britain an assurance that her troops will be withdrawn immediately the safety of her nationals and property is secured.

Owing to the interruption in communication, there is little news from the North.

The prediction in yesterday's "China Mail" that reports of the Nationalist allies immediately reaching Tientsin and Peking are exaggerations, has now been borne out.

#### TIENTSIN NOT OCCUPIED.

Experts quoted by the "China Mail" said that the Northerners were unlikely to hand over Tientsin to the Southerners until all the Northern armies along the Peking-Hankow Railway, down to Paotingfu, had been withdrawn back to Peking and set in trains for the fastnesses of Manchuria. True enough, Reuter reports today that the evacuation of the Manchurian armies has begun from Paotingfu.

However, Chang Tso-lin is not to leave for a few days yet. This indicates that the Southerners are not expected at Tientsin for a few days, nor do the Northerners intend to go until a few days more, as it will take all that time to get their units clear of Peking and Tientsin for the great trek back to outside the Great Wall.

#### LONG STATEMENT.

Sir Austen on the Position of Britons.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P. (formerly of Hong Kong), Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the British Government is closely watching the situation at Tientsin. There will be no difficulty in strengthening the forces for the protection of British nationals there, if necessary, he said.

Comdr. J. M. Kenworthy asked whether Sir Austen has seen the Press report that troops were not being used for the protection of foreign nationals in the Settlements at Tientsin, but for forming a line right outside the city.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that as far as his knowledge went, the troops were naturally disposing where the military authorities of different Powers considered they could best protect the lives of foreign nationals.

Britain Not to Mediate? Mr. Looker also asked for a statement on the position in China, especially in regard to the protection of British communities.

Sir Austen replied that owing to interruption of communications, he had not received direct news from the British Consul-General at Tsinan. His information about Shantung was chiefly derived from Japanese sources.

Sir Austen then gave a lengthy account of the commencement of the trouble as reported by the Japanese Consul at Tsinan. He was glad to say (Sir Austen added) that all Britons in Shantung appeared to be safe. Neither of the parties involved in the trouble in Shantung had intimated that intervention and mediation by His Majesty's Government will be acceptable.

Naval Precautions. British warships had been sent to Chin-wang-tao, Wei-hai-wei, Chefoo and Taingtao. Normal precautions were being taken elsewhere in China. A British warship has been stationed at practically every port along the Yangtze River wherever there were British residents.

## A ROUGH HOUSE.

Cairo Politicians At Grips.

#### CRITICISM OF PREMIER.

Turbulent Scenes Occasion Two Adjournments.

Cairo, Yesterday. In the Chamber turbulent scenes were witnessed while the Watanist deputy, Abdel Hamid, was criticising Nahas Pasha and "Thanking Lord Lloyd for the British ultimatum to despatch warships."

The Minister of Communications, Makrame Beid, jumped up in the tribune and held an altercation with Abdel Hamid. The din prevented hearing, but it was obvious that the exchanges were uncomplimentary. Suddenly Makrame Beid and Abdel Hamid—the latter stands six and a half feet—came to grips.

Members rushed and separated them and the sitting was adjourned. When it resumed, Makrame Beid suggested that Abdel Hamid called Nahas Pasha a liar. The House again adjourned and when it resumed Abdel Hamid apologised to Makrame Beid.—Reuter.

#### OFFER TO SULTAN.

JOHORE AND FOREIGN COMPANIES.

#### STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery said that a statement had come to his notice to the effect that foreign companies had made offers to the Sultan of Johore regarding an island in the settlement of Singapore, which he holds on lease from the Colonial Government. Enquiry was being made regarding the matter.—Reuter.

#### CABLE CONFERENCE.

DELIBERATIONS NOT YET CONCLUDED.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Baker (Labour, Bristol, East) asked when the report of the Imperial cable and wireless conference was likely to be issued.

Mr. Baldwin replied it was impossible to forecast the date. He understood the deliberations of the conference would not be concluded for some little time.—Reuter.

#### TOOK \$546.

Kwan Kwa-chuen, manager of the Tin Chau shop, of No. 30, Stanley street reported to the police yesterday that at 5.30 p.m., on May 10, he entrusted the firm's acting accountant with \$546 for safe keeping, and the man, Sze Shuk, is alleged to have absconded with the money.

#### MRS. R. H. KOTEWALL.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, who has been in the Peak Hospital for six weeks was this morning successfully operated upon.

#### NO ANXIETY.

Washington's View on the Situation.

Washington, Yesterday. The Nanking Government's message to President Coolidge has not yet been received. While the State Department is concerned regarding the Southern advance on Peking, no great anxiety is felt for the safety of Americans. It is believed that 4,000 Marines at Tientsin and the Legation at Peking afford ample protection to Americans.—Reuter's American Service.

## DESTROYERS LEAVE.

Third Flotilla Going North.

#### "KEPPEL" AND OTHERS.

List Of Warships Mentioned In The Commons.

H.M.S. "Keppele" (flotilla leader), flying the pennant of Captain E. C. O. Thomson, D.S.O., R.N., has left Hong Kong for North China with a number of ships in the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla.

It is not suggested that the departure of these small craft is caused by undue anxiety as to the outcome in Tientsin and elsewhere for British subjects. Every summer the China Squadron goes to Wei-hai-wei.

The ships accompanying the "Keppele" are H.M.S. "Wishart," "Wolverine," "Witherington," "Veteran," "Wanderer," "Wild Swan" and "Wivern," making eight in all including the leader.

#### Ships And Men.

Sir Austen Chamberlain mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

#### ATTACK REPULSED.

Yangtze Guards Inflict Casualties On Bandits.

Ichang, Yesterday. A fight has taken place on the Upper Yangtze River, on the famous rapids, between a river steamer and some bandits.

The guards on the steamer used their weapons to such advantage that they inflicted heavy casualties on the outlaws.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Ichang is 370 miles above Hankow, or nearly 1,000 miles from the sea. The rapids in this vicinity are exceedingly difficult to navigate.)

terday that British men-of-war were at several North China ports (as reported elsewhere in this issue). The following were given in yesterday's "China Mail":—

At Chefoo: H.M.S. "Hermes," aircraft carrier.

At Wei-hai-wei: H.M.S. "Foxglove," sloop.

At Chin-wang-tao: H.M.S. "Bluebell," sloop.

At Taingtao: H.M.S. "Sirdar," destroyer.

H.M.S. "Barwick," the new cruiser, left Hong Kong yesterday.

H.M.S. "Titania" with H.M.S. "Marazion" and the submarines have passed Amoy on their way up.

The British land forces at Tientsin, under Colonel Commander R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., include: 1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regt., 2nd Batt. Border Regt., detachments from the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals, totalling about 1,800 men.

#### POISONED?

HERR STRESEMANN LAID UP.

#### KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Berlin, Yesterday. Herr Stresemann is abed with



Herr Stresemann.

alimentary kidney trouble, presumably caused by ptomaine poisoning. He has cancelled his election campaign.—Reuter.

#### COSTING LESS, BUT—

CAUSE OF DOCK STRIKE AT HAVRE.

Havre, Yesterday. Work at the docks is at a standstill owing to a strike of 600 lorry drivers and 1,200 dockers as a protest against a reduction in wages as a result of the lower cost of

## DEFINITELY TO GO.

Ex-Prince Carol's Marching Orders.

#### HAS UNTIL THURSDAY.

Difficult To Find Suitable Accommodation Elsewhere.

London, Yesterday. Ex-Prince Carol's host, Mr. J. J. Jones, called at the Home Office, after which he announced that Carol was to leave England before May 16.

It is understood that Carol's friends are finding it very difficult to discover suitable accommodation in any other country.

The Home Office is satisfied that Carol is making every effort to carry out their orders and the Government is prepared to be reasonable as long as Carol does not indulge in political activities and does his best to get away as speedily as possible.

Mr. Joynton Hicks, in the House of Commons, said he had received a definite undertaking that Carol would leave the country at the latest on May 17.—Reuter.

#### TRAFFIC COURT.

##### DAIRY FARM MEN FINED.

##### OTHER CASES.

Mr. D. Thompson of the Dairy Farm, owner of motor cycle No. 116, was summoned before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning for dangerous driving on April 28, and for failing to produce his driver's licence when required to do so.

Thompson admitted that he did not have his licence with him on the day in question, but denied dangerous driving. He claimed that he was following Mr. Cooper, also of the Dairy Farm, at the time the offence was committed.

Police Evidence. Traffic Sergeant Baker gave the same evidence as that given against Cooper last week, when the case was adjourned for the joint appearance in Court of the two defendants.

The Sergeant saw the two defendants riding motor cycles Nos. 116 and 71 respectively, in Queen's-road East at about 9.15 p.m. on April 28. He estimated their speed at between 25 and 30 miles per hour.

He followed them on his own machine and eventually stopped them at Murray Barracks. When he told the defendants that he would report them for dangerous driving, Thompson remarked that he was "very unlucky."

Thompson asked the Sergeant in Court how he knew that he was doing between 25 and 30 miles per hour.

The Sergeant replied that he had a speedometer on his machine and it registered between 30 and 35 miles per hour whilst he was following the defendant. "Even then I was unable to catch you," he added.

Thompson said that he had a new speedometer on his machine and it did not register as high a mileage as even 25 miles per hour. He inquired how the Sergeant knew that his own speedometer was correct.

The Sergeant replied that his speedometer was tested every day.

Both Fined. The Magistrate found the summonses proved against both Thompson and Cooper and fined them \$10 each for dangerous driving. Thompson was fined a further \$4 for failing to produce his driver's licence.

Good Friday Accident.

The case in which the Chinese driver of motor car No. 422 was last week remanded on a charge of dangerous driving in Queen's-road East, where he knocked down Mrs. Nowell White on Good Friday, was again mentioned in Court this morning.

The defendant said that his witness would not be able to attend Court until next week and asked for a further adjournment. The application was granted by the Magistrate.

Replying to Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander, his Worship said that Mrs. White need not attend Court again unless she wished to.

In Calne-Road.

Mr. H. J. Chambers was summoned by Traffic Sergeant Scrym for dangerous driving of motor car No. 2059 in Calne-road at 9.30 p.m. on May 9. He denied the charge, and in view of the heavy list of traffic cases he had before him, Major Willson adjourned the case until the course of that interview, there

## "LEAKING ALL OVER."

Only Possible to Live in Basement!

#### A TENANT'S POSITION.

French Bank v. Mr. J. H. Witchell Proceedings.

Unflattering terms were used by Mr. J. H. Witchell, manager of the King Edward Hotel, in describing the condition of Budree Villa, North Point, when he went to live there last year.

"You couldn't call it a house at all," was one of the expressions Mr. Witchell made. "It was leaking all over."

Mr. Witchell maintained that the house required structural repairs. "Otherwise," he said, "people couldn't have lived in it unless they went into the basement."

#### The Law on Tenancies.

This occurred in the Summary Court this morning at the adjourned hearing by Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Puisne Judge) into the case in which the Banque de l'Indo-Chine sues Mr. Witchell for \$1,095 mesne profits in respect of the house, due for occupation from April last year to March this year. The odd sum of \$95 had been waived to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the Court. Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for the Bank and Mr. D. L. Strellett for Mr. Witchell.

As at the first hearing, there were many interesting remarks in Court on the relative position of tenant, owner and mortgagee in regard to tenancies.

#### When a Tenancy is Good.

His Lordship remarked that a tenancy is good until the mortgagee interferes and gives notice of such an intention to the tenant, and that the tenant must receive the notice for it to have effect.

Mr. Watson informed His Lordship that he could only say that a letter had been posted to Mr. Witchell.

Mr. Strellett observed that Mr. Witchell had (on being requested to do so) interviewed the manager of the Bank, when no reference was made to the letter, nor was Mr. Witchell asked if he had received the letter.

#### Mutual Adoption.

His Lordship pointed out that there must be evidence that the adoption was mutual.

Mr. Strellett replied that even if there had been a notice, so far from evicting the tenant, the tenant was encouraged (by the Bank) to believe he could remain in occupation under the original terms of the tenancy.

It had been stated in Court that Mr. Witchell had entered into an agreement with the owner at a rental of \$125 per month. Mr. Witchell was to undertake certain repairs, the cost of which was to be deducted from the rent. In support of his argument, Mr. Strellett quoted at length from the legal authorities.

#### "If They Threw Us Out."

Mr. Strellett submitted that the Bank must take some action which will amount to taking possession of the house, which, he maintained, did not take place in this case.

Assuming the mortgagees (the Bank) threw us out, said Mr. Strellett, together with a notice, that would have been sufficient to claim arrears of rent.

Evidence was then called by Mr. Watson. The only witness for the plaintiffs was a Chinese employed by the comrade of the bank who was cross-examined in detail by Mr. Strellett.

#### Contractor's Bill.

Mr. Witchell then went into the box. He said that he was looking for a house in March, 1927. At Budree Villa, he found in charge a coolie employed by the owner. He saw the owner. Mr. Witchell then described the alleged defects.

Reasonable repairs were agreed upon, the cost to be disbursed by Mr. Witchell who would deduct it from the rent of \$125 per month payable by him.

The contractor's bill came to \$1,641, of which \$400 was to be borne by Mr. Witchell. He had paid \$550 to the owner, not then knowing that the bill would be as much. He was tenant for twelve months.

#### The Interview.

Last November or December, he received a letter in consequence of which he called on the Bank and interviewed the manager. In the course of that interview, there

## TO-DAY'S FUNCTIONS.

Japanese Training Ships' Visit.

#### THE ADMIRAL'S DINNER.

Officers Invited To Tennis In Dockyard.

Inclement weather is spoiling, in a measure, the visit of the Japanese Naval training squadron.

For instance, a number of officers have been invited to a tennis party by Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., in the Royal Naval Dockyard to-day, to be followed by a tea party. The rain may cause the entertainment to be curtailed.

At 3 p.m. to-day, Japanese residents of Hong Kong are guests of the officers and ships' companies at ten on board the "Idzumo" and the "Yakumo."

#### Dinner on Flagship.

This evening, Vice-Admiral Seizo Kobayashi (commander-in-chief of the squadron) is giving a dinner on board the flagship, "Idzumo," when the number of guests will be small necessarily, on account of the limited accommodation (both vessels being old units formerly in the Russian Navy).

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), Commodore Pearson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary), Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice) and others will be present but no ladies have been invited.

#### Departure To-morrow.

Most of the officers, cadets and men—the first-mate including Lt. Prince Takamatsu—have been sightseeing ashore. In spite of the rain, a number of parties went up to the Peak to-day and others were in the city.

At 10 a.m. to-morrow, the visiting warships leave Hong Kong for Manila. In accordance with Naval etiquette, there will be no salute or send-off.

The balance of itinery is Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Fremantle, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Wellington, Suva, Honolulu, Jaluit, Trak, Palao, Tokuyama, returning to Japan on Nov. 8.

#### "MOONSHINE."

Yesterday afternoon, Senior Revenue Officer Watt raided No. 5, Chi Loong-street and seized 2.8 tins of raw and one tin of prepared opium, and a bottle of "Moonshine" brandy. Two men were arrested. When the case was called before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, one of the men failed to appear and his bail of \$150 was estreated. The other man admitted possession of the opium as well as the "bootleg" liquor.

For possession of the opium he was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail on each count, whilst for possession of the brandy a further fine of \$10 was imposed, or, in default, an additional seven days' jail.

was no suggestion that the Bank wanted him to pay them, he said, nor that they desired him to vacate. In fact he got an impression that the Bank wished him to stay on the same terms as before but he refused.

He had handed the Bank a copy of the contractor's bill which, Mr. Witchell alleged, had been retained by the Bank.

Mr. Watson, cross-examining, informed Mr. Witchell that the owner had written to the Bank to the effect that he had paid \$230. This Mr. Witchell contested. He had two receipts for a total of \$150 and another receipt for \$200 which he could not find, so that he had paid \$350 on account.

Amounts Explained. At an earlier stage, His Lordship had asked how, if the rental was \$125 per month, the claim was only \$1,095. It was announced that the owner (mortgagee) had admitted receiving a sum.

Mr. Witchell explained that the rent for the year that he stayed at Budree Villa was \$1,600. "Deducting what he himself had to pay, he had paid on behalf of the owner \$1,141 to the contractor. With the \$350 which he had paid the owner, the total he had disbursed was \$1,491 (as against the \$1,500 rental)."

The case is proceeding.







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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th May, 1928 to 19th May, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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H. R. FORSYTH,  
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Hong Kong, 15th May, 1928.

#### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Entries will CLOSE at 6 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 16th May, 1928.

Hong Kong, 11th May, 1928.

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Vickers Limited, the world-famous British armament, steel, and shipbuilding firm have just issued their balance-sheet for the year ended December 31, 1927.

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### ITALY AND TURKEY.

#### MUSSOLINI'S TALK WITH ENVOY.

##### BETTER RELATIONS.

The conversations which have been taking place at Milan between Signor Mussolini, accompanied by the political Under-Secretary at the Italian Foreign Office, Signor Grandi, and Tewfik Rushdi Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, are of exceeding interest. They may neither aim at, nor result in, the immediate conclusion of a formal Treaty of Friendship and Neutrality, or of Arbitration and Conciliation, between Italy and Turkey, although portions of such a programme might conceivably assume early and concrete shape, given the creation of the requisite atmosphere. For the moment the question is whether Italo-Turkish relations, which for the past two or three years had been characterised, on the Turkish side, by acute suspicion and fear—lest Italy should seek to establish by force an outlet for her surplus population in Anatolia—will undergo a complete transformation.

This might be brought about in one way only. That is, if Angora would relax its hitherto violent hostility to all foreign influence, economic penetration, and even Treaty rights, in favour of a special collaboration with Italian capital and commerce, shipping and other technical experts. In varying and still limited measures Italy has endeavoured and succeeded in recent years in developing relations of this character in both Roumania and Greece.

The incentive, in Turkey's case, is equally great, if not greater. This is explained by Italy's maritime expansion in the Black Sea (she is now only a little behind Great Britain in the matter of the total tonnage which passes through the Straits), and by the numerical strength of her nationals and ex-protégés at Constantinople, Smyrna, and in other coastal regions. Moreover, Italy, since the advent of the Mussolini regime, has shown herself resolute in defending against Turkish encroachments the Treaty rights of her subjects in Turkey.

##### Securing Italian Good Will.

Angora may, therefore, be glad to secure Italian goodwill at an economic price, both literally and figuratively. In this case, the resultant bargain, although intrinsically a business one, would be latent with far-reaching political consequences in the international domain. The marked predilection shown by the Turks for German and other ex-enemy and ex-neutral expert assistance, or again, for French armaments and financial houses, would be superseded by one for Italian advice and co-operation in these various fields. The tendency, encouraged by France, towards a Serbo-Turkish alliance, would disappear.

Roumano-Turkish relations have latterly been fairly smooth. Those, however, between Turkey and Greece, have frequently been strained. An Italo-Turkish rapprochement, in the present circumstances, would facilitate settlement of Greco-Turkish differences. Thus, eventually, the Palazzo Chigi might hope to assure itself beforehand, in the event of a European emergency, of the neutrality of Turkey and Greece, in addition to that of Roumania and Bulgaria.

It may be some time, nevertheless, before the outcome of the present Milan conversations can be appraised in all its bearings, should it prove to be more than an amicable gesture. Meanwhile, neither Paris nor Berlin is altogether comfortable, while Geneva is wondering whether Italy will sponsor Turkey's admission to the League, which, not so long ago, Italy was believed not to favour.

#### EVELYN.

##### HOLIDAY MAKERS HUNT BEAR.

Evelyn from the Himalayas, who has been missing from Withdean Hall, Brighton, for two weeks, provided holiday-makers with a new thrill in mail week. It was stated that tracks of the bear had been found near Sweet Hill, Waterhall Farm, near Patcham, four miles from Withdean.

Hundreds of people with many dogs set out from Brighton to search. Immense tracks of gorse and woodland are in the neighbourhood.

The hunters thoroughly combed the ground, but Evelyn was not at home to visitors.

In pursuance of the policy of connecting European capitals with Paris by air post, the first postal aeroplane from Madrid landed at Bordeaux with a large packet of

### IN PARIS.

#### VISITORS AND WAR-ZONE PERILS.

##### A STRANGE PATIENT.

Paris.—It has become a matter of habit and tradition for those concerned with tourist traffic to describe each holiday rush as establishing a record, but the term may be applied without exaggeration to this year's Easter-tide traffic from England to Paris and other Continental centres.

One of the most striking features of this traffic was the phenomenal increase in the number of people who chose to cross the Channel by aeroplane. Imperial Airways recently had to increase their London-Paris service to seven machines, which carried about 100 passengers, mostly women, and the Air Union had similarly to put on extra "planes" to meet the heavy bookings.

During the past forty-eight hours the usual rail and boat services have had to be largely augmented, and special trains are still pouring into the Gare du Nord. Among the British visitors are several parties of schoolboys and schoolgirls. One of these, consisting of fifteen teachers and 110 boys, from Midland schools, was officially entertained at the Hotel de Ville by the Municipality of Paris.

As the day has been usually fine, the cafe terraces and the better-known promenades, such as the Champs Elysees and the Tuileries and Luxembourg gardens, have been very popular with British visitors, while at the various railway termini the staffs have been as busily occupied with departures as with arrivals. For Parisians, in accordance with the tradition which makes Easter the first real outing of the year, have left the city in their thousands for the seaside and the country.

##### Battlefields Claim Victims.

Nearly ten years after the conclusion of the armistice the Great War is still claiming victims on the old battlefields through shells

and grenades which have lain all this time unexploded. At Flaucourt, near Amiens, two brothers named Tricot, who spent their leisure in collecting scrap metal from the neighbouring battlefields, were blown to pieces while endeavouring to remove the fuse from a large unexploded shell which they had found. The explosion was so violent that parts of their bodies were blown over 600 yards away.

A similar accident occurred at the Donon, near Strasbourg, where two men were blown to pieces while trying to unscrew the fuse of a shell they had found in a field, and a third, whose foot was blown off, died some distance away while trying to crawl to the village for assistance.

Two people have been killed and two others wounded in the Peronne district through trying to recover metal from unexploded shells. In one of these cases a man who had found such a shell saw his 4-year-old child playing with it. He snatched it from the baby and flung it as far as he could, but it exploded and severely wounded him about the head. The child, however, escaped unharmed.

##### Sea-Lion in Consulting-Room.

Dr. Charmaile, an X-ray specialist, of Belfort, has just been called upon to deal with the most extraordinary patient of his career. He was surprised when, having been called upon by an animal trainer from a local circus, he found a sea-lion in his waiting-room. The animal's trainer explained that it was a favourite member of his troupe, and as it had refused food for some days past, he suspected that it might have swallowed some indigestible object. The sea-lion proved a perfectly well-behaved patient, submitting with the greatest docility, first to an ordinary examination by the doctor, and then to the X-ray process, as though it fully appreciated that what was taking place was for its own good.

##### Impending Bond Issue.

Although a discreet silence is observed at the Ministry of

Finance and at the Banque de France, it seems to be assumed that preparations are being actively made for a loan which will be floated on condition that the present atmosphere is not disturbed by the elections.

During the last few days there have been several conferences in which the directors of the big banking establishments have taken part, and it is hinted that they favour a loan in the form of bonds repayable at 500f after 1932 and for a period of seventy-five years at most.

It has been stated that the rate of issue will only be fixed shortly before the opening of subscriptions, but in the meantime 450f for a 500f bond and 83f for a 100f bond are mentioned. Nothing definite as to the rate of interest is known, but there is vague talk of the loan yielding 5 per cent. net.

##### Villagers And Big Bequest.

The poorer inhabitants of Breton villages are watching with the greatest interest developments concerning a legacy of about 3,000,000f (£64,000) which they hope to share. The fortune was left by Mlle. Tasset, who had disinherited the members of her family and in a will made three months before her death last December declared that she left all her property to France.

The State has not yet accepted the bequest, and those who are urging that the money should be given to the poor of Brittany have put forward two other wills made in 1835 and 1900, in both of which Mlle. Tasset had set down her wish that her fortune should be divided among the indigent inhabitants of Breton villages which were most remote from large towns. It is argued on behalf of those who claim the distribution of the money in Brittany that last year's will simply confirmed in general terms the intentions which Mlle. Tasset had more clearly defined in its two predecessors, and the mayors of poor and remote Breton villages have been invited to put forward claims on behalf of their populations.—"Daily Telegraph."

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Liner System and Conference.

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In order, however, to maintain a regular service, shipowners claim that it is necessary to ensure the continuous support of the shippers engaged in the trade, and thus, so far as possible, to prevent competition by outside ships. In most of the outward trades from this country the shippers are held to the Conference by means of the deferred rebate system. In the South African trade, however, the deferred rebate system has been replaced by an agreement between the Conference and the individual

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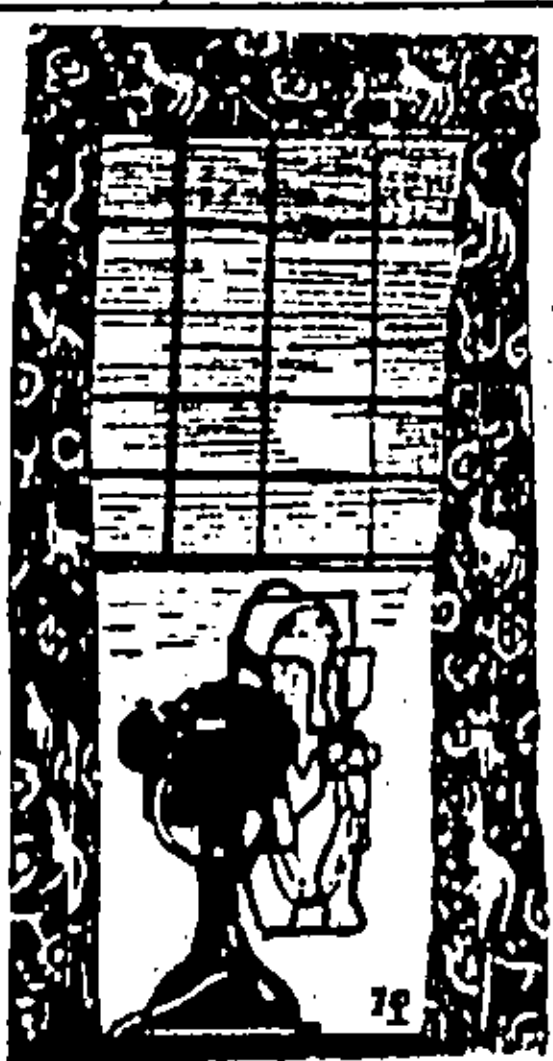
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## TIENTSIN FEARS.

The reported breakdown of cable facilities north of Chefoo comes at a most unfortunate moment, when all eyes are anxiously turned in the direction of Tientsin and Peking. Messages to hand yesterday and to-day, however, seem to leave no doubt in the mind that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is doing that which he was expected to do, is, in fact, taking himself and his troops to the other side of the Great Wall. It is also pretty plain that forces antagonistic to the Fengtien party are marching upon the capital by way of Tientsin. Whether they be the soldiery of the Christian General or of the Shansi warlord matters little; both factions are bitter enemies of the Mukden dictator, and both or either would cheerfully take advantage of any signs of capitulation or organised retreat. Which means that before long a severe conflict is likely to take place in Manchuria, or wherever Chang Tso-lin chooses to make a stand.

In regard to the foreigners at Tientsin and Peking, we do not share the general feeling of disquiet. Feng Yu-hsiang, it is true, has expressed anti-foreign sentiments from time to time, but we imagine his sole object now is to push on and attempt to wreak vengeance on Chang, incidentally establishing himself in the rich territories of northern China. As for the Shansi party, nothing is definitely known of their turn of mind in this connection; anti-

materially touched the province, and it is more than likely that General Yen Shi-shan does not trouble himself at all about the question.

Other considerations that point to the surmise that foreigners in the north will go unmolested are, firstly, the fact that the Nationalists proper have suffered serious setbacks in consequence of Japanese occupation of parts of Shantung, and, secondly, the fact that Tientsin is adequately guarded by foreign troops. Neither of the Southern allies, we imagine, with so much to gain in prestige and territory, desire to engage with the foreign forces or attempt anything likely to stay their march. Their forces could most easily make a detour of the Concessions at Tientsin and thus avoid contact with the units guarding these Concessions. Their orderly utilisation of the railway, although it runs through the ex-Russian Concession and skirts another, would doubtless meet with no opposition. It appears, in our view, therefore, that both Tientsin and the capital may fall into the hands of the quasi-Nationalists without any of the fears regarding the safety of foreigners being realised. That this may happen is, of course, our earnest hope.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LORD'S THANKS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")  
Sir,—I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Viscount Knutsford with reference to the remittance I sent from the proceeds of my dancing displays given in February last.

Yours faithfully,  
VIOLET CAPELL.

London Hospital.

Whitechapel, E1.  
Dear Miss Capell,—Your "again" has given me very special pleasure. You kindly say that this further splendid gift gives you great pleasure to send, but I can assure you that my pleasure in receiving it is as great or greater. I cannot tell you how deeply indebted I feel to you for keeping this great Hospital so much in your mind, and for interesting your Pupils and Friends to remember it in this most helpful fashion. I shall look forward to the photo and the programme. I am so glad to hear from you that things in China are improving. It must have been a very difficult and terrible time for you all, but to try and read with understanding accounts of what has

## POLICE FUNERAL.

FULL HONOURS FOR SERGT. MACFADGEON.

### COLLEAGUES AS PALLBEARERS

Eighteen sergeants drew the gun carriage which was used for the funeral yesterday of Lance-Sergeant MacFadgion of the Hong Kong Police, who died on Sunday at the Government Civil Hospital.

Full service honours were accorded the deceased. The coffin was draped with a Union Jack, on which were placed his helmet and articles of equipment. A wreath in the shape of a white cross from the bereaved mother also occupied a position of prominence.

The Fire Brigade supplied a carriage for the multitude of floral tributes.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie of Union Church officiated at the last rites. Deceased's colleagues acted as pallbearers and filled in the grave in relays. Mrs. MacFadgion's wreath being lowered with the coffin.

### Some of Those Present.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, (Deputy Superintendent), Mr. W. Kent (Assistant Superintendent), Chief Inspector P. Grant, Inspectors Marks, Moss, Carpenter, Dick, Murphy, Barnett, A. Clark, Shannon, Cotton, Ogg, Messrs. J. C. Fletcher, A. M. Simpson, J. A. Lindsey, G. Duncan, Revenue Officer Grimmit, Insp. Mohindar Singh, representatives of the Warders and the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, Mrs. and Miss Oliver, Mrs. Dick, and representatives of Government Departments.

### Floral Tributes.

Wreaths were sent by "Stiffy," the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. Peter Grant, Mr. T. Murphy, Messrs. Spear and Pain, Cuff and Hatt, Mr. O'Donovan, Messrs. Munro, Griffin, Condon and Mist, W. G. Harrison, Brooks and Sherry, Wallingford and Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosalee Ogg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips, Messrs. A. R. Clark, MacDonald, J. C. Clark, E. Bloor, R. Shannon, E. J. Field, Dick and family, Ellis, Carey, R. Cunningham, A. W. Bliss, F. C. Coleman, F. T. Portallion, Duncan, Lindsay and family, Mr. P. Oliver and Mary.

Inspectors' mess, Yaumati Police Station; European staff, Police Training School; Sergeants' Mess, Yaumati Police Station; Sham-shui-po Station; Shaukiwan Station; No. 2 Station; Central Sergeants' mess; Tai-ping-shan mess; Police mess No. 7; Central Traffic staff; Records office; Guards office staff; Royal Naval Yard Police; Fire Brigade officers; Comrades of Sergeants' mess.

Ex-Active Service Men's Association (1914-18); all ranks Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C.; Mr. R. A. Cooper, Mr. Ismael Chan.

### Ex-R.I.C. Man.

Robert MacFadgion was 28 years of age. He was born at Stevenson, Ayrshire, where his mother, brothers and sisters live. After service with the Royal Irish Constabulary till its disbandment in 1922, he went to Canada, worked his way west and crossed the Pacific by working his passage on an "Empress" liner. Shortly after his arrival, he was a drummer in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

He was an honorary member of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club and a member of the Police Recreation Club, at which there was no play yesterday as a mark of respect.

It was the morning after an amateur theatrical production, and one of its patrons was discussing a gentleman connected with it.

"Poor fellow!" he observed, "he's so hoarse to-day that he can hardly speak."

"Indeed!" returned the person addressed, "A heavy part, I suppose. What was he—leading man?"

### "No, prompter!"

of a Chinese puzzle to most of us.

I am having a very busy time just now running one of the big fifth-yearly appeals which have been the tradition and salvation of the hospital for so many years. It is a very uphill task, for people seem to grow poorer as medicine grows more expensive.

Now—I ask with all diffidence—have you room on a table in the Academy for a copy of "In Black and White"—a tale of my evil life? I am sending it under separate cover. If you ever have a spare half-hour, it may amuse you to turn over some of its pages. Please believe me when I say that it comes as a trivial but very sincere appreciation of your splendid work for this great hospital.

### Yours very truly,

(Sd.) Knutsford.

## COMMONS SCENE.

SHOUTING MAN CREATES A BIG SENSATION.

### CARRIED OUT.

There was an amazing scene in the House of Commons late one night last month, when a stranger sitting in the Public Gallery suddenly leapt forward shouting and had to be forcibly removed by attendants and plain-clothes policemen.

A debate instituted by the Socialists condemning the existence of a syndicated Press was proceeding, and one speaker had just observed that journalists should combine for their own protection against such syndicates.

Suddenly a middle-aged, red-faced man sitting in one of the back rows of the Public Gallery jumped up and shouted, "I can give them that protection."

Then he clambered over the seats in front of him, crossed two partitions surmounted by spikes, and almost before anyone was aware of what he was trying to do reached the Peers' Gallery in the very front of this part of the House.

### Seized by Policemen.

He was followed by one of the attendants, who scrambled after him in an attempt to restrain him, and eventually reached him just as he was clutching the last partition in front of the Peers' Gallery.

There was an idea at the moment that he intended to climb over it and jump down on to the floor of the House itself, but at this moment several plain-clothes policemen rushed in from the side doors, seized hold of him, and carried him by head, arms, and legs, still struggling, from the House.

The man was seen by Dr. Vernon Davies, M.P., who formed the opinion that he was suffering from acute neurasthenia. An ambulance was fetched and he was taken to Westminster Hospital.

He gave the name of Edward Charles Humphreys, aged 32, and an address near Battle, Sussex.

## THE OPEN ROAD.

STOKERS TAKE A JOY TRIP.

Two naval stokers, Thomas Henry Ashby (21) and George Lawrence (21), of H.M.S. "Pembroke," Chatham, who were said to have had a 2,000 miles tour of England in a stolen motorcar, were remanded at Marylebone, charged with stealing the car, belonging to Edmund Gardner, of St. George's-square, Regent's Park.

Police Constable McKene said he saw the car in Hermit-place, Plaistow, early one morning, and noticed that it had no excise licence. He asked Ashby for his leave pass. Ashby produced a piece of paper which was not a pass, and the policeman said he would arrest him for being a deserter.

Ashby then said that they had been absent for a fortnight from barracks, and had been touring the country for the last ten days in the car, which they had stolen.

When told that they would be arrested for stealing the car, Ashby said:

"I have done this to get my discharge from the Navy."

Lawrence agreed, and said that they had had enough of the Service.

## CHINESE SCHOOL.

VARSITY FACULTY FUND COMMITTEE.

A total of \$154,500 has been collected to date, announced the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., when presiding yesterday at a meeting of the Fund Committee of the Chinese School of the University, held in the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Kotewall paid a tribute to the generosity of donors and the enthusiasm of the committee. Mr. Fung Ping-shan had added to his contribution, making his donation one of \$10,000 in all and Mr. T. N. Chau, M.A., had given a further \$1,000. The Wing-On Co., Ltd., Mr. Au-Yang Man-hing, and Messrs. Kwong Mei Shing each gave \$500 yesterday to the faculty's funds.

## \$172,000 ESTATE.

ONLY WIDOW AND SON TO BENEFIT.

Local estate worth \$172,000 has been left by a Chinese merchant who died on July 14, 1922, and who said in his will that only his eldest son and widow should benefit and that no person is allowed to interfere.

Deceased is Au Man-Kit alias Au Fat-tun. He was a native of the Sanwui district and was in business in Hong Kong, at No. 31, ...

## P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

At the end of a depressing flat-racing season a bookie was asked by one of his clients how he had fared.

"Lor' lumme," said the layer ruefully, "wot wif the betting tax and rotten weather and free education, it's enough to drive a chap out o' business."

"But what has free education to do with it?" asked the mystified bookie.

"Why, this," exclaimed the book-maker; "now-a-days when a chap makes a winning bet he knows exactly how much is comin' to him."

An Englishman who was fishing a Scots river hooked a fine salmon, which was so strong and game that it pulled the angler into the water. The ghillie, abandoning the gaff, waded into the river and seized the disappearing rod.

"Help, man help," spluttered the submerged fisher, "I shall drown."

"Na, na," said the ghillie, busy playing the fish, "you can wait a meemit, but the saumon winna."

If she signals correctly before turning a corner—

If she looks to see that there's plenty of petrol before starting out—

If she doesn't rely upon her feminine charms to keep the policeman from stopping her for speeding—

If she can start up the car without a series of shuddering anatomy-wrecked jerks—

If she can park in a limited space without advice and assistance—

If she knows that the car needs proper lubrication every so many miles—

If she doesn't turn round from the wheel to carry on a conversation with those in the back seat—

She's a girl in a million.

After dozing, a couple stood at the front door of the preacher's house. "I'm going to church services now," he told them. "Come on, and I'll marry you there."

After delivering a short sermon at the church, the preacher said: "If there is any one who would like to be married, please come forward." Fifteen women and four men responded to the call.

Sandy, who was a porter at a certain rural railway station, had a very red nose, which caused no little amusement to travellers in passing trains. The new station-master had not been long at the station before his curiosity was aroused.

"Sandy, what makes your nose so red?" he asked.

"Oh, pride, sir, pride," replied Sandy. "It's simply blushing with pride because it doesn't poke itself into other people's business."

A sloppily, sentimental woman was married to an unromantic man.

One evening she said to him, with a sigh: "Would you mourn for me if I were to die?"

"Oh, yes," he mumbled, "of course I would."

"And would you visit the cemetery often?" she pursued.

"Certainly," he said, with a little more animation, "I pass it on the way to the golf links, anyhow."

Two tramps had a little money between them, so they decided to trudge to the nearest town and to enjoy a good night's rest in a "doss-house."

"How much farther have we to go?" asked Sorefoot Sam.

"Only two miles," replied Jaunting Job.

Just as they passed the fifth milestone they entered the town. Sam said nothing then, but after a meal and a rest in the lodging-house, he remarked to his companion—

"Seen better days, ain't yer?"

Job admitted that in the past he has enjoyed a measure of prosperity.

"I knowed I was right!" exclaimed Sorefoot, "and, wot's more, I can't yer wot yer was!"

"You can, ah? Then what was it?"

"Why, a 'owse and estate agent!"

## TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page nine.

1. What is Yogi?
2. What is a Uilt?
3. When was the first London tramway established?
4. When was the Tate gallery opened?
5. What were the letters?



## SO FAR SAFE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## AMOY'S DANGER.

Northern Cruiser Hovers Over Prey.

Amoy, Yesterday. Semi-official reports state that the Northern cruiser "Hanchi" and two smaller warships have been joined by two transports outside. The island of Quemoy outside the harbour, with an area of about 60 square miles, has been occupied as a base of operations against Amoy. An attack is expected by the authorities, who will contest an entrance and who have declared strict martial law. A naval engagement outside is possible.

The Norwegian steamer "Vale" is still in port unloading an arms cargo and a small Southern gunboat is lying in shallow water at the back of the harbour.

Trade is normal. The Japanese situation is unchanged.—Reuter.

## A Tsinan Report.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A message from Tsinan says the latest investigations show the total Japanese losses as follows:—

Military: 46 killed, 195 wounded.

Civilians: 14 murdered, more than 20 still missing, 114 looted.

Peace and quiet have now been restored not only in the city where the shops are re-opening, but also within an area of 20 Chinese miles of the whole Shantung Railway.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, after listening to the Japanese Consul's observations, has empowered General Tien, a former Commander of the Genardier, to take any steps necessary to maintain peace and order and seek out and disarm any Southerners hiding in the city.—Reuter.

## Tsinan and Nanking.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Japanese Foreign Office is anxious to open negotiations to settle the Tsinan affair as soon as possible but does not contemplate combining it with a settlement of the Nanking affair of March, 1927. If the situation warrants, the Government may start withdrawing portion of the troops even before a settlement has been completed, the spokesman intimated, though everything will depend on the circumstances.

Though the report that General Ho Yao-tsu of the Nationalist Army, whose troops were responsible for the outrages, has been dismissed, has not been confirmed, it is officially considered it will greatly facilitate negotiations if correct.

Commenting on the Geneva report that Japan is expected to explain her side of the story to the League, the spokesman stated that no such action is being considered at present, though he intimated that the Premier (Baron Tanaka) may discuss the question of the advisability of doing so.—Reuter.

## OFFERED 5 CENTS.

A Chinese fruit hawker was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with causing an obstruction in Bonham-strand East, and with offering a bribe of 5 cents to an Indian constable to overlook his offence. The accused said that the constable asked him for 20 cents, but he offered him only five. He suggested that the constable arrested him because he did not give the amount he wanted. The Indian denied the charge in the witness box. The Magistrate convicted the accused. For obstruction he was fined \$2 or four days, whilst for offering the bribe, he was ordered to pay another \$5 undergo another seven days' jail.

## HELPED HIMSELF.

A thief yesterday entered the servants' quarters of No. 20, Macdonnell-road and helped himself to a felt hat, a raincoat, a chopper and a girdle. He was about to leave the place when he was seized by one of the servants and handed over to the police. When charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, the thief pleaded "guilty". The police, after proving four previous convictions, asked the Magistrate for a term of police supervision in addition to a jail sentence. Major Willson accordingly sentenced the accused to six months' hard labour and in addition ordered him to undergo two years' police supervision.

According to a report made to the police by the managing partner of the Tong Yu leather shop of No. 168, Hollywood-road, Sun Ono, the firm's staff, absconded on the afternoon of April 13 taking with him \$484 which he had collected in behalf of the firm.

## TO BE DEALT WITH.

CONSTABLES EXCEED THEIR DUTY.

## SIX MEN DISCHARGED.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell concluded hearing of the case in which a Chinese vegetable gardener of Pochung, on the Stanley side of the island, opposite Apichau, and four of his foks, were charged with assaulting Wei-hai-wei police constable D185 and obstructing him in the execution of his duty. A sixth man who was alleged to have been forcibly removed from the constable's custody, was charged with the unlawful possession of a pine tree which he was alleged to have cut down.

After overpowering the constable, whose revolver and holster were torn away from his belt in the struggle, the defendants were alleged to have bound the constable up with ropes and then themselves taken him over to Aberdeen where he was handed over to a Cantonese policeman whom they met in Hupeh-street, and this man took all the parties to the police station.

## The Defence.

The case for the defence was that the constable accompanied by another in plain clothes visited the sixth defendant's hut and insisted on his accompanying him up the hillside, threatening to kick him if he did not do so. He was taken to where there was a fallen pine tree and the constables ordered him to carry it back to the hut. At the hut the constables were alleged to have asked the sixth defendant if he had any money. When he said that he had none, the constables wanted him to carry the pine tree to the police station. He flatly refused, whereupon the uniformed constable drew his revolver. Sixth defendant shouted for help. Others came to his assistance, and then what happened to the constable was the same as related by the prosecution. They tied the constable up and took away his revolver because they were afraid he might use the gun.

After another witness had been heard, Mr. Lindsell decided to discharge all the defendants. He remarked that he could not help feeling that the constables must have gone to Pochung for some improper purpose. The evidence, his Worship said, seemed to indicate that D185 had left his beat and gone over to Pochung for the purpose of extracting a bribe. That seemed to be the cause of the whole trouble, and the constable being in the wrong, had himself to blame for what happened.

Mr. W. Kent, A.P.S., said that the constables would be dealt with departmentally for doing something they should not have done.

## FLYING SCENES.

CAMERAMEN LASHED TO 'PLANE WINGS.

## PROFESSIONAL 'CRASHER.'

Audiences at the Carlton Theatre, W. London, where the spectacular American film of the air, "Wings," is now running, are so thrilled by the sensational photographic effects—which almost make the onlooker forget he is not actually flying himself—that the keenest speculations are conducted as to how many of the flying scenes were really taken.

At least one camera man was lashed over the engine; others were lashed to the wings of machines.

No fewer than 21 photographers were employed at one time to get pictures. Men were turning their cameras on the spectacle from 100ft. observation towers, from pits in the ground under hangars, and from the cockpits of machines that flew under or above the formations in the air.

## Release Of Bombs.

One of the most interesting shots shows the downward flights of bombs released from a Gotha. These were secured by a camera man squeezed into the bomb chamber of the machine—with 1,200lb. of high explosive six inches away—doing 90 miles an hour at a bare 600ft. over the reconstructed French village. Two tugs on a piece of string tied to his arm gave the signal that the bombs had been released, so that he should pick them up through the finder of his camera as they fell.

Of the 100 aeroplanes used in the making of "Wings" seven were deliberately crashed, one of them by a stunt flier who specialises in this type of work and emerges unscathed. The collision of two aeroplanes in mid-air was, of course, done by "trick work" and models.

The flying and war scenes were taken at a huge military camp in Texas. Artillery, tanks, trucks, troops, balloons, and aeroplanes were all provided by the American War Department, while brigadier-generals, military engineers, aviators, and an army corps complete were put at the disposal of the producers. Famous players, too, took part in the making of the film, which he had collected in behalf of the firm.

## BIBLE SOCIETY.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. T. W. PEARCE.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A tribute to the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., was paid at yesterday's annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Hong Kong auxiliary), held in the Helena May Institute.

The Rev. W. Walton Rogers proposed and the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., seconded a resolution recording Dr. Pearce's services extending over several decades and his valuable work (known as the Union Wenli version) in connection with translating the Bible.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppy (Bishop of Victoria) presided. He was supported by the Rev. E. K. Higdon (Philippine Islands), Rev. H. O. T. Burckwall (Canton), Rev. F. Short (secretary), Dr. J. H. Sanders (treasurer), Rev. W. Walton Rogers and Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

## The Annual Report.

The Rev. Mr. Short presented the report for 1927. Activities have been well maintained. Local churches, Chinese and non-Chinese, responded to the special appeals addressed to them on Bible Sunday. Information relating to the methods and results of bible work under the auspices of the society has been further diffused by means of the Bible Book and Tract Depot, representing as it does the great Christian Book Societies and being as it is a place of call and enquiry for residents, visitors and passing travellers.

## Testaments for Servicemen.

Reference was made to the resignation of Mrs. Bailey, the manageress and the substitution of her daughter, Mrs. Ingram.

Depot sales of scripture publications totalled 5,369 copies in English, English and Cantonese, Cantonese, Wenli, Hakka, Mandarin, Romanised Chinese, Japanese Punjabi, Urdu, Welsh, French, Russian, German, Filipino, Spanish, Hindu and Italian; also Braille scriptures, maps and scrolls; the amount received, being \$2,532.83.

The work in and around Hong Kong, though without interruption, had not brought returns up to the average of past years.

Reference was made to the distribution of testaments to Servicemen.

## Appeal for Support.

Mr. Short appealed for support for the Wyndham-street depot where bibles and Chinese literature were sold at a loss but where the latest English books, not obtainable elsewhere, were also sold.

Dr. Sanders gave comparative statistics in outlining the financial position.

Dr. Duppy mentioned the fact that the Rev. E. K. Higdon, who proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, had been to the conference at Jerusalem. Dr. Duppy seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. O. T. Burckwall quoted the following figures:—

1908:—sales 5½ millions in 412 languages;

1927:—sales 10¼ millions in 600 languages;

1927:—record sale of just over 1,000,000 copies of the bible;

1927:—total circulation of all scriptures sold in China, 8,000,000.

Mr. Burckwall proposed and the chairman seconded the following appointments:—

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The motion was carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave proposed and the chairman seconded a vote of thanks to the lady helpers—carried unanimously.

—carried unanimously.

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## COMPANY'S WARNING.

It had been reported that a man—ostensibly a Chinese—purporting to be an employee of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., under pretence of effecting repairs to telephones, has gained admittance to subscribers' residences and, on his departure, decamped with articles of varying value.

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The "China Mail" understands that two European houses have been victimised already. One resident lost a clock worth \$15 and another article. From another house, a number of articles of not very great value were stolen.

## CINEMA NOTES.

"THE MISSING LINK" AT QUEEN'S.

Cinema-goers are reminded that Syd Chaplin's latest comedy, "The Missing Link," which has been drawing crowded houses since Sunday, will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day for the last time. Chaplin portrays a timid poet who finds himself forced to pose as a famous big game hunter bent of solving the mystery of "The Missing Link." How he is the means of running "The Link" to earth, how his stock for bravery goes up, while his heart goes down, and how he wins a beautiful girl into the bargain, make an extremely amusing burlesque quite up to the standard of "The Man on the Box," "Charley's Aunt," and other big successes. An excellent feature of "The Missing Link" is the introduction of "Akka," a really clever chimpanzee which Syd mistakes for the "Link."

## "FOOTLOOSE WIDOWS."

"Footloose Widows," which comes to the World Theatre to-day concerns the ambitions of two young mannequin flappers who tire of the drab monotony of life, and decide to go further afield in search of thrills. Accordingly, they borrow the necessary dresses and pose as wealthy widows. Everything goes well, until one of the girls genuinely falls in love with a handsome youth of her own class. The swift run of events in the land of palms and luxury makes exciting entertainment, full of original ideas and gay surprises. "Footloose Widows" was adapted to the screen from the novel by Beatrice Burton. Louise Fazenda and Jacqueline Logan, both popular players, fill the leading roles, with Jason Robards, a newcomer to the screen, as the handsome hero. This picture will be shown at all performances to-day, but to-morrow it will only be screened at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances, the attraction at 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama, "Lok Young Bridge."

## A STORY OF THE SEA.

"The Lighthouse by the Sea," which will be the chief attraction at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is a picture adapted from the popular stage play of that name by Owen Davies. The story centres around the keepers of a lighthouse on the Pacific Coast, who stand in the way of a band of bootleggers who carry on an illicit trade in that locality. The picture is full of interest and the plot is adequately handled by Louise Fazenda, Buster Collier, Mathew Bell, Douglas Gerrard and Charles Hill Mailes, while Rin-Tin-Tin, the marvellous dog, does his full share in making "The Lighthouse by the Sea" a picture well worth seeing.

## VISIT TO HONG KONG.

Mr. Chu, Chao-hsin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in the Canton Government, paid a flying visit to Hong Kong yesterday and called on H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). Mr. Chu arrived in the afternoon on the day boat from Canton and left again last night.

## Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; Syd Chaplin in "The Missing Link." To-day—Star Theatre; "The Lighthouse by the Sea." To-day—World Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

Sports. May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auction. May 15—At Sales Room, Dundell-st., a valuable collection of curio, 2.30 p.m. May 17—At 6, Knutsford-terrace, household furniture, 2.45 p.m. Meetings.

To-day—Annual meeting of the H.K. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. To-day—Peak Church Annual meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., offices, noon.

May 18—Extraordinary general meeting of China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m. May 26—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 26—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 29—Half yearly meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous. May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt. of Cheer 'O' new premises in City Hall, 6 p.m.

## EIGHT STROKES.

DEAF MUTE AND MOTOR CAR.

The story of a Chinese lad's adventures with a motor car about which he knew nothing was told at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Schofield.

It appears the lad took the car out whilst the owner, an Indian, was away. The vehicle got out of control and, running into some rickshaws in Canton-road, caused damage to the extent of \$325. This occurred yesterday.

Remarking upon the futility of attempting to recover damages from the youth, who is a deaf mute, the son of a hawker, also a deaf mute, the Magistrate ordered him to receive eight strokes.

## FREE PLASTERS.

Charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with selling Chinese medicine in Bonham-strand East without a licence, a Chinese told his Worship that he only charged for consultations and gave the plasters away free. If patients were cured by his medicine, they generally offered him presents afterwards. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$4 or seven days' jail.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese "pleaded guilty" to a charge of picking the pocket of another Chinese in Connaught-road Central yesterday afternoon and stealing a purse containing 30 cents. Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

## NOTICE.

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A grave believed to date from 1700 B.C. has been opened at Ludchurch, near Narberth, Pembrokeshire.

A donation of \$10,000 has been sent to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London by Mr. J. J. Crossfield.

Twenty insurgents and four Federal soldiers are reported to have been killed in a fight at Tequila, Mexico.

James Drumm, who claimed to be 109 and whose eyesight and hearing were excellent, has died at Enniskillen, Fermanagh.

London General Omnibus Company employees are raising a fund to take 1,000 poor children for a day in the country.

More than 4,000 people were in Cambridge for the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers, which opened in mail week.

The parish priest of St. Hubert, the new Montreal airport, has obtained permission to fit an illuminated cross to the steeple of his church as a guide to night fliers.

After very lengthy preparations and the overcoming of great difficulties, a lottery is to be floated in Rhineland for the benefit of necessitous growers in the wine industry.

Mr. A. J. Waldegrave, one of the Post Office assistant accountants-general, has been appointed Deputy Comptroller and Accountant-General, from which post Mr. F. J. Pearson recently retired.

The Trans-Atlantic telephone service from Great Britain to Canada has been extended to afford communication with a number of smaller Canadian towns in addition to the centres previously announced.

Mgr. Seipel, the Austrian Federal Chancellor, has decided on the advice of his doctor to leave for Carlsbad for a three weeks' cure. The state of the Chancellor's health, however, gave no cause for anxiety.

Riga, May 14.—The Latvian police have arrested Captain Lange, Aide-de-Camp to the Soviet Military Attaché, on a charge of inducing Latvian officers to reveal military secrets. A Latvian captain and a staff lieutenant have also been arrested.—Reuter.



Sen. Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, who was permanent chairman of the 1920 Democratic Convention at San Francisco, is said to be the likely choice to occupy a similar position at the Houston Convention in June.

A contract for the construction of 65 locomotives has been placed with Messrs. William Beardmore & Co., Dalmeir, by the L.M. and S. Railway Co.

M. Nadosy, the former Hungarian chief of police, who had served two-thirds of his sentence of 3½ years' imprisonment for complicity in the notorious forged banknotes case, has been pardoned, with others, under the amnesty declared by the Regent.

A notable increase in the commercial use of aeroplanes in Canada, particularly in the new mining districts far from railways, is reported by the Federal Government Department of Civil Aviation. During 1927 twenty-one civil organizations operated aircraft, as compared with sixteen organizations in 1926.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Wilson was again occupied at the Central Magistracy with the case in which a Chinese broker named Yu Yau is charged with pestering a Chinese woman and behaving in a threatening attitude towards her. After further evidence had been heard, an adjournment was given. Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the woman whilst the defendant was represented by Mr. Hin-ahing Lo.

Mrs. Susan Brown died at Rugby aged 101.

Mrs. Ann Jelly, of Leicester, died the day after her 102nd birthday.

Mrs. Ellen Boulding, of Sittingbourne, Kent, was 100 years old in mail week.

Through an anonymous gift of \$900 the Guildford Museum is to be extended.

Five couples were married simultaneously at St. George's Church, Southwark, S.E.



The literary lion from the wilds of Africa—Alfred Aloysius Smith—better known as Trader Horn. He is shown with one of the griddles which he used to peddle in South Africa before he wrote his best-selling autobiography, about Nina T. and his adventures while trading in ivory, rubber and other goods. He is now earning in the neighborhood of \$4,000 a week royalties on his book.

Mr. W. H. Burt, an Eastbourne solicitor, has died in a nursing home there, aged 65.

The 43 public-school boys who have been touring South Africa have returned to London.

Lady Cunynghame, Cheyne-gardens, Chelsea, S.W., has reported to the Brighton police the loss of a diamond pendant worth £150.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. A. C. da Silva, of No. 534, Nathan-road, and Miss S. M. Lima, of No. 1, Granville-road, is announced.

Messrs. G. U. da Roza and L. A. da Rocha are authorised to sign the firm of J. M. da Rocha and Co., merchants, insurance agents, etc.

Tanks belonging to the Standard Oil Company caught fire at Havana, and several hundred thousand gallons of oil were in danger of being destroyed.

Tone Sumio, a Japanese, of Canfield-gardens, Kilburn, N.W., was fined £20 at Folskote for attempting to smuggle a pair of opera glasses and a camera from the Continent.

Twenty-nine persons are being given anti-rabies treatment at the hospital at Kingston, Ontario, consequent upon the outbreak of rabies among dogs in the surrounding district.

A lion tamer at a Blackpool circus was withdrawing his head from a lion's mouth when his cheeks caught the animal's teeth, injuring him so that he had to be attended by a doctor.

Owing to complaints received from apothecaries that many imported drugs are not pure, the Ministry of the Interior has issued a circular calling upon Portuguese doctors to prescribe wherever possible medicines produced in Portugal.

The Spanish Government has approved a scheme for enlarging the water supply canal known as Isabella II., to supply Madrid with a sufficient quantity of water for a population of 2,000,000 inhabitants. The cost of this scheme will amount to about £2,758,000, and it will find work for more than 2,000 men.

About 200 Chinese took part in a serious fracas in Canton-road, Yau-mat, on Saturday evening, arising out of a small boy being knocked down by a bus. Although the lad was but slightly injured, a number of coolies who witnessed the accident became furious, and surrounded the bus in a threatening attitude. The passengers were permitted to get away unmolested, but the driver and conductor were badly mauled by the crowd. They had to be taken to hospital after the police had effected their rescue. Two coolies alleged to be instigators of the fracas were being taken to the police station.

The King has appointed Mr. William Thomas Lawrance, K.C., to be Recorder of the Borough of Bournemouth.

Four acres of land at Bellingham, Bedford, will be laid out as a children's recreation ground by Bellingham Council.

Six Nonconformist ministers took part in the three hours' Good Friday service at St. Anne's, Parliament-hill-fields, N.W.

The Turkish National Assembly has approved unanimously the modification of the constitution separating Church and State.

The King and Queen sent a message of congratulation to Lady Noble, widow of Sir Andrew Noble, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was 100 in mail week.

The Earl of Balfour, who has been confined to his bed with bronchial catarrh for about a fortnight, was making good progress a few weeks ago.

Fifty-one members of the International Bible Students' Association, 16 men, and 35 women, were baptised in Liverpool Corporation baths on one day.

A Riviera branch of the Association France-Grande Bretagne has been formed, with headquarters at Cannes, where Lord Derby, president of the London branch, has been staying.

The Glasgow Corporation was fined £6 at the Sheriff court for allowing three tramway-cars to exceed the speed limit, one of the cars being said to have travelled at 30 miles an hour.

The establishment of a theatre for the production of Charles Dickens's works in the United States is one of the aims of the American Dickens League, which has just been incorporated.

The Governor of Angola has declared void the contracts which had been concluded with regard to the supply of labour in the Island of St. Thomas, owing to irregularities in the conditions of recruiting.

A large water main burst in Kowloon on Sunday, causing the collapse of a part of the road on the small hill by the Kowloon Ginger Factory, a little distance from the fork point of the Lai-chikok and Tai-po-roads. The road was clear at the time.



David E. Kaufman, well known attorney and philanthropist of Philadelphia, Pa., who has been nominated by President Coolidge as the United States minister to Bolivia. He will succeed Jesse B. Cottrell. This will be his first diplomatic office.

An indication of the rising value of real estate in the business section of Vancouver is given by the recent purchase of a 75-foot corner lot for 1,000,000 dollars, a record price. A modern ten storey office building will be erected on it. The lot was bought by the owner in 1899 for 13,750 dollars.

Four new high-speed motor patrol boats, armed with machine-guns, will soon be completed for the Canadian Customs service on the Atlantic seaboard. They will form part of a largely increased preventive service to combat rum runners. This fleet will include ten new motor patrol boats and two new steel cruisers.

A sum of between \$1,800 and \$2,000, all in banknotes, was lost yesterday by Mr. P. D. Keyser of the P.W.D. The money, which was wrapped up in paper, was being carried in Mr. Keyser's pocket, and must have either dropped or was picked from the pocket whilst Mr. Keyser was in the vicinity of the King Sing Cinema. There were no marks or writing on the outside of the packet.

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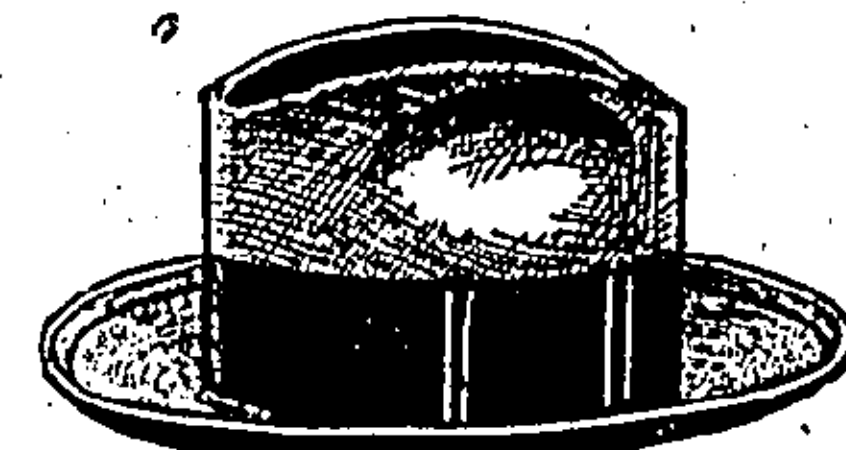
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# Sport Columns

## WOMEN'S GOLF.

168 FOR BRITISH  
TITLE.

HOLDER BEATEN.

Hunstanton, Yesterday. In unsettled, cold and windy weather, the British Ladies' Open Golf Championship commenced here. There were 168 entries, in-



Mlle Simone de la Chaume.

cluding representatives from Australia, America, France and Germany.

In the first round Miss Glenna Collett (America) beat Mlle. Simone de la Chaume (France) the holder, 3/1.

In the second round Miss Collett beat Mrs. Shirley Lamplough, 7/6.—Reuter.

## JUPP SHINES.

TAKES 12 WORCESTER  
WICKETS.

London, Yesterday. At Northants Northamptonshire defeated Worcestershire by five wickets.

Worcester made 83, Jupp taking eight for 29; and 188, Jupp securing four for 59.

Northants scored 175, Tarbox taking six for 52; and 97 for five.—Reuter.

## VISIT TO MANILA.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE  
SOCCER TEAM.

According to Manila papers to hand, the P.A.A.F. offices in that city have received word from Hong Kong that the St. Joseph's College football team would leave for the Philippines on the Dollar s.s. "President Wilson" on May 20, and were due to reach Manila on May 22.

Arrangements are accordingly being made at Manila for the collegians to play a series of four soccer games in that city. Plans at present indicate that the Saints will be matched with the Nomads team, a Swiss XI, a Chinese team and probably a Filipino or American outfit.



Princeton, N. J.—An unusual action shot of Captain Willauer (with helmet on) blocking John Sison, during the first spring practice of the Princeton University lacrosse team. This strenuous Indian game is sometimes called a combination between tennis, baseball, basketball, football and murder.

## THE ROVERS.

VARIED CAREER IN SCOTTISH  
LEAGUE.

THE RAITH CLUB.

The Raith Rovers are in the limelight just now, not through any astounding progress made in the national Cup ties, or a stern endeavour to win the League championship, but because they are included in a list of four clubs, one of whom must accompany Dunfermline Athletic into the Second Division of the League. The other three in the danger zone are Hamilton Academicals, Clyde, and Bo'ness.

Let me at this juncture give a brief resume of the Kirkcaldy club's career as members of the League. It was in season 1902-3 that the Rovers joined the body named. Then, fresh from winning the championship of the Northern League, they were accepted into the Second Division. During their first season there they performed very poorly, and were unable at any time to field a team capable of collecting points consistently.

Between thirty and forty players appeared on the field for them, between the months of August and April, and amongst them were some of conspicuous merit, such as "Archie" Taylor, Crawford, and "Soldier" Wilson. The first named had a Dundee-Falkirk connection, and Crawford, a full back on loan from the Rangers, was at one time capped against the English League. Wilson, one of several players secured from the Black Watch, was a really great centre-forward, whose sudden death on the field in an English enclosure created a tragic sensation. Other members of the team were C. Moodie and A. Grierson. Both played many seasons for the Star's Parkers, and Grierson had the distinction of doing so in the Northern League competition as well as in both Divisions of the Scottish League. He died nearly six years ago.

Walker, of Swindon Town. In the following season the Kirkcaldy club introduced to senior football Walker, the fair-haired lad who went to Swindon Town and became one of Scotland's regular full backs.

The Rovers were for eight consecutive seasons in the Second Division, and won the Scottish Qualifying Cup in 1906-7, by defeating St. Bernard's in the final. The same opponents defeated them in the last round the following season. The Kirkcaldy club won the Second Division championship in 1907-8, and shared the honour with Leith Athletic two seasons later.

As qualifying Cupholders, the Rovers were unlucky not to oust the Heart of Midlothian from the Scottish Cup competition proper at Tynecastle. Two goals down with the second half well spent, the Second Leaguers fought back heroically, and effected a draw. The Hearts, however, won the reply. The next season, in the Scottish Cup ties, Partick Thistle were held at Meadowside and, defeated at Kirkcaldy, where the Celtic overpowered the Rovers in the following round.

During their connection with the Second Division, the Raith Rovers qualified for the big competition only on the occasions named.

Latterly, Port-Glasgow Athletic had found the financial train of running a First Division club too severe, and at the end of season 1909-10 there was a vacancy in that Division. Competition to secure

the seceding club's position was very keen, and when the Scottish League met on the 7th day of June 1910, there were many applicants for the vacant berth. These included the Raith Rovers, Dunbarton, Leith Athletic, Abercorn, Ayr United, and one or two others. The Kirkcaldy folks felt nothing undone in their efforts to provide Kirkcaldy with first-class football, and they were successful by a big majority in gaining their ambition.

"Sam" Aitken, Middlesbrough, was the first capture of note effected by the new First Division club. He captained the team. The Rovers' inaugural game in their new environment was played at Greenock, where Morton defeated them by 1-0 in mid-week. The Greenock club also provided the Rovers with their first win in the competition. In the interval, however, the Rangers had conquered the "baby" Leaguers by 2-0 in the initial First Division game played at Kirkcaldy.

The Fifers played continuously in the upper circle until the end of season 1916-17, and generally occupied a position on the lower half of the table. The last three seasons of their uninterrupted presence in the premier division were war seasons.

Scottish Cup Finalists. It was in season 1912-13 that the Rovers reached the final of the Scottish Cup competition, to fall by 2-0 to Falkirk. The Star's Park club in the following season defeated their visitors—the Heart of Midlothian—by a similar score in the same competition, and that was the only other outstanding achievement of the Fife fellows during their pre-war connection with the First Division. During the latter stages of the war the Rovers, along with the other First Division clubs north of the Forth—then Dundee and Aberdeen—played in makeshift competitions.

All three returned to the First Division in season 1919-20. The "Lang Toon" club retained a number of players who had assisted them during various stages of the war, and included in the list was W. Birrell, their present player-manager, who was for some time a prisoner of war in Germany.

It was midway through season 1920-21 when the Rovers began to build up the team who became one of the most powerful in the country. Here are the eleven at full strength:—Brown; Inglis and Moyes; Raeburn, Morris, and Collier; T. and J. Duncan, Jennings, Bauld, and Archibald. That was the team who gained for the club the third position from the top of the League in season 1921-22.

The following season Bell, Miller, and James replaced T. and J. Duncan and Bauld respectively, and with these alterations a "splash" was made in the national ties. The Rovers reached the fourth round after defeating the Cupholders—Greenock Morton—Cowdenbeath, and Dunfermline Athletic, but the Celtic mastered them at Parkhead by a late goal. In season 1923-4 the St. Bernard's created one of the sensations of the season when at Star's Park they dismissed the Kirkcaldy club from the competition.

The beginning of the break-up of the Rovers' great team began the following season, when Inglis and Collier departed for England. Then, after the dismissal of the club from the Scottish ties by the Hamilton Academicals, Jennings signed for Leeds United.

Season 1925-6 was not long in progress when the team had become depleted to such an extent that the only players who remained as a memory of the "star" eleven were Moyes and Bell, and the former alone played in the fateful match with the Queen's Park at Star's Park. If the last minute goal in that encounter had been scored by the Rovers instead of the Hampdenites, the former would have escaped relegation.

And after a season in the Second Division, it is regrettable to find the danger zone again, but also in a position of extreme peril. The club have before them another period of great anxiety.

## THE DAVIS CUP.

INDIA GETS INTO THIRD  
ROUND.

Zurich, Yesterday. In the Davis Cup competition (second round) India beat Switzerland by three matches to two and meets the winner of the Roumania-Italy contest in the third round.—Reuter.

It was in a manager's office. The manager was engaging an actor. "There will be no salary, of course, for six weeks of rehearsals," said the manager, "but for the run you will have the sum stated."

The actor interjected: "Pay me for the rehearsals, and I won't mind about the run."

## TEASERS.

Answers to To-day's  
Questions.

1. A section of the Hindoo philosophy which proclaims the emancipation of the soul through a junction with the universal spirit. The Yogis are a Saivavite sect, founded by Goraknatha. They have a temple at Gorakhpore.
2. A former British gold coin of the value of 20s. issued in 1604 by James I.
3. The first London tramway was established at Bayswater, in 1861.
4. In 1897.
5. People hired in certain parts of England in olden times to cut bread over dead bodies at funerals, the idea being that the eaters thereby took upon themselves the burden of the sins of the dead.
6. Sepia is a pigment prepared from a black secretion of the cuttle-fish.

## V.C. WHO STOLE.

TWO SIDES OF PICTURE  
REVEALED.

HIS GALLANT EXPLOIT.

April 4, 1928: "This is a lamentable case of a gallant soldier being charged with theft. He was subjected to severe temptations."

June 4, 1918: "It is impossible to speak too highly of the extreme gallantry and dash of this N.C.O., who showed throughout the four days' operations supreme devotion to duty."—The "London Gazette."

These two strangely-contrasting statements referred to Arthur Henry Cross, V.C., of Trinity-buildings, Mermaid-court, Borough, and electrified the Tower Bridge Police Court in London, when he appeared in the dock charged with stealing postal packets.

Mr. Gallaher, prosecuting, tempered his accusations with mercy, and referred in tones of admiration to the V.C.'s war service.

Cross, he said, had been in the Post Office three years at a wage of £3 a week. He had a disability pension of 25s. a week and a gratuity of £10 yearly in respect of his decoration. On account of

losses of letters, inquiries were made, and suspicion fell on him.

A test letter was made up and posted and put amongst the letters Cross had to sort. Later it was missed, and when questioned Cross admitted having taken it, and also several other letters containing money.

"That," said Mr. Gallaher, "is one side of the picture. There is another. I will read an extract from the "London Gazette" of June 4, 1918.

Arthur Henry Cross, Machine Gun Corps (Camberwell). Victoria Cross. For most conspicuous bravery and initiative. Lance-corporal Cross volunteered to make a reconnaissance of the position of two machine guns which had been captured by the enemy. He advanced single-handed to the enemy trench, and with his revolver, forced seven of the enemy to surrender and carry the machine guns with their tripods and ammunition to our lines.

He then handed over his prisoners and collected teams for his guns, which he brought into action with exceptional dash and skill, annihilating a heavy attack of the enemy.

P.M.G.'s Kindness.

Then there followed the reference given above to his gallantry and devotion.

Mr. Gallaher added that the best to secure Cross some other employment outside the Post Office, where he would escape similar temptations.

Mr. Goff, defending, said that Cross had been subjected to severe temptations, as his wife had been seriously ill for some time, and a son had been out of work.

Mr. Gattie, the Magistrate, said the case was a very difficult one to deal with. The public had to be considered but he felt he should be justified in giving the V.C. another chance in view of his exceptional Army career. He would bind him over.

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do. (old) .....	\$8 1/2	n	
do. (new) .....	\$1.15	b	
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## TELEVISION.

### WHEN WIRELESS WALKS AND TALKS.

[By Shaw Desmond.]

Mr. Winston Churchill's recent protest against the ban on wireless controversy is of vital importance when considered in conjunction with the linking up of television with ordinary broadcasting.

I have sat in an "electric chair"—not the electric chair—in the middle of London with powerful lights beating down upon my defenceless head and a whirling like the wings of Azrael about me. A man has sat three thousand miles away in New York and has seen me try to smile and move my head. I shall see him, too, and we shall speak together across the Atlantic about cabbages and kings and taxes.

Television will be a commercial proposition within two years. Within three to five, you will sit in your parlour looking at a screen upon which Gall Curci or Kreisler or Edison will not only sing and play and talk but walk.

What is the British Broadcasting Corporation going to do about it?

If the B.B.C., as it is affectionately known, betray a heavy official indifference to the all-British invention of Mr. Baird, upon the plea that "it is not yet brass tacks," then they will doom their listeners-in as the manager of a music-hall would doom his audience if he insisted that they should be blindfolded through the performance.

#### The B.B.C.'s Critics.

The B.B.C. is a much maligned institution. It is rigidly compelled by its charter. It is not permitted to make any profits, I believe. It has behind it the quidnuncs of party who sometimes put the fractious infant in a strait waistcoat of politics and then wonder why the child doesn't grow up. It has exactly two and a quarter millions of nightly critics.

Give the B.B.C. a chance and then blame it if you will. So far, it has not had a chance.

How does the B.B.C. live? At present—and I do not pose as expert—I believe it is a peddler in licences, for which it nominally receives ten shillings per licence per year. . . . perhaps. (I say perhaps, because many of my friends have given up their wireless owing to what they call the "poverty" of the programmes offered, and many of them don't pay anything at all.)

Of this 10s. the P.M.G. first of all gets his pound of flesh, that is, 12½ per cent., or 1s. 3d. After he has got his fifteen pence, the B.B.C. receives out of the remaining 8s. 9d.

(a) In respect of the first million the following amounts:—  
licences, 90 per cent.

(b) In respect of the second million licences, 80 per cent.

(c) In respect of the third million licences, 70 per cent.

(d) In respect of all in excess of three million, 60 per cent. (The balance of these percentages goes to the Exchequer.)

#### "A Lease on the Ether."

My proposition is that the revenue of the B.B.C. should be the lawyers and the grace of Heaven, plus public opinion, which is the same thing, "gradually be transformed from a licence revenue for listening-in to programmes provided solely by the B.B.C. to a revenue to be obtained from various interests and enterprises ready to supply their own programmes and willing to pay the B.B.C. for sending them."

Put into a few words, why should not the cost and trouble of producing programmes be taken off the already overburdened shoulders of the British Broadcasting Corporation and put upon the broad backs of various private enterprises, who would rent from the B.B.C. "a lease on the ether"? This "lease on the ether" would be for the purpose and right of wirelessing these programmes, each private interest be-

ing responsible for its own programme.

At one fell swoop this would accomplish the following miracles:—

First, it would give you and me our wireless broadcasting free, without licence, and nothing to pay for but our apparatus. (Result, a contented British public.) Secondly, the public—that is, you and me again—would get a hundred to two hundred per cent. better programme than we get to-day, because the various private interests would be competing one against the other for the most favourable periods of the twenty-four hours in which to broadcast, and so would be constantly keying up the quality of their programmes. (Result, more contentment.) Thirdly, as Mr. Churchill would be constantly finding his pound of flesh increase, as the television-broadcasting revenue increased, we should get a shilling off the income tax and Mr. Churchill—a very important point—would be happily and quietly satiated.

The Chancellor's "pound" would be secured by a fixed percentage payable to the Exchequer upon the British Broadcasting Company's revenue. And it can, I think, be demonstrated that his pound of flesh would probably double and treble itself within a few years, and in any case would far exceed the measly fifteen pence at present received by the P.M.G.

#### Bigger Fees.

Let the Churchill imagination gently wander amidst the possibilities of this transference of the B.B.C.'s revenue from a pedlar's licence to peddle his own necessarily limited wares to a revenue gathered for peddling other people's wares, in quality and quantity and type of an infinite variety. Let the Chancellor visualise not only private concert and theatrical interests, but the interests of the great political parties, his own included, competing one with the other for the best time of day in which to give a gratified and grateful public the best possible programme, from "slap-stick" to sopranos and from Ludwig van Beethoven to Irving Berlin! Then, permitting that imagination still to wander, let him visualise the still keener competition amongst the people's favourite politicians for the right to announce the programme!

And let the public here also do a little imagining. Would there not be an end of the day when a British Broadcasting Corporation, despite its monopoly, is only able to offer sometimes as little as six guineas for the broadcasting rights in three one-act sketches, as it has recently done in one case? When programme-makers are able to offer five to ten times that amount, as would be the case under competition, will they not be likely to get the pick of the artists?

Think of the day, now not far distant, when every home in England will have its television screen allied with the usual broadcasting listening-in apparatus. The day when mother and father and Tommy and Agatha will be able to see Sir Gerald du Maurier as well as hear him, and watch Miss Evelyn Laye or Miss Gladys Cooper as well as hear them. Then let him do a few simple sums of compound interest and I think he may come to the conclusion that wireless hitherto, and the revenue gathered from it, because it has been minus television, has only been a joke.

#### If the B.B.C. Refuses.

The truth is that broadcasting, especially when allied with television, should not be a Government concern at all, like the Post Office. Give an absolute monopoly and anybody can make a profit, as does the Post Office. But absolute monopolies are bad for trade and worse for freshness of ideas. Let it be the Government's business just to allot wireless programmes provided by outside experts, and nothing else.

Of course, it may be said by certain fellows of the baser sort that

## RADIO BOOM.

### GERMAN SERVICES TO AMERICA.

Berlin.—Since the establishment of telephonic communication between Europe and America the German Post Office and German technical experts have been working to secure direct intercourse independent of England or any other country.

The preparatory work has been carried on so satisfactorily and so expeditiously that it is announced that a direct telephonic service between Germany and the United States will be opened shortly. Apart from other reasons, this direct intercourse is beneficial to Germany, because it is cheaper, so that lower charges can be made, and also because technical advances have been made which Germany can employ from the outset.

The English station at Rugby, it is pointed out, still works with long waves which are rapidly becoming obsolete. The German industry, on the other hand, came later into the field and has started by constructing short-wave beam stations for the telephone service with America. These, it is claimed, are not only more perfect technically, but are more remunerative, as they work with much less energy.

The new sending station is at Nauen, and the receiving plant is at Beelitz, both just outside Berlin. German wireless trans-oceanic intercourse is being developed on the basis of short waves, and in the middle of this year direct wireless communication will be established with Mexico and Siam, and on both lines telephonic intercourse will be possible. During the present summer also telephonic communication will be possible between Berlin and Buenos Aires, and towards the end of the year the great sending station that is being built by German experts in Japan will be in working order.

In addition to this service experiments are shortly to be made from the Nauen shortwave station with the transmission of telephone messages and pictures between Berlin and Tokyo, so that altogether Berlin anticipates that it will soon be in direct wireless communication with all the important centres on the globe.

all this is very well—but suppose the B.B.C. stands pat and refuses to alter its constitution, mental and physical? What then? One ventures to imagine that the vox populi might, under inspiration which is already showing itself, make itself heard.

All this could be accomplished by certain simple alterations in the charter and licence of the B.B.C. all of which I think can be effected with a minimum of friction and inconvenience.

During the transition stage the licence fee charged to the public could be gradually reduced to vanishing point as the other revenue increased. And this is but one suggestion out of a dozen others that are possible.

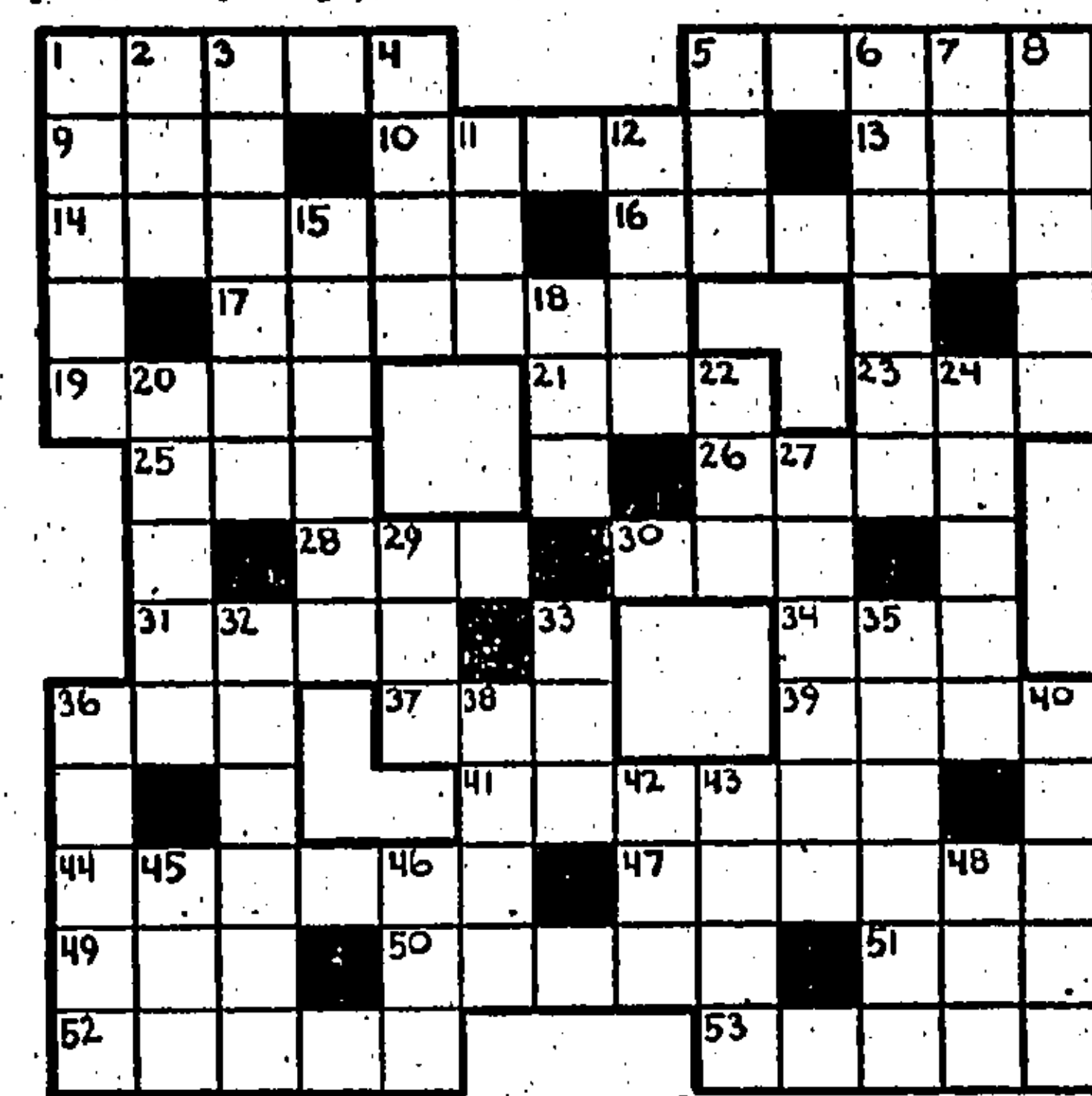
#### No Time to Lose.

When this had been accomplished, the B.B.C.'s sole business would be the transporting of the message. It would provide the stations and staffs, would be relieved from a task for which it is manifestly unfitted—that is the task of providing artists, etc., and the onus of programme would fall upon the different national interests who would be providing its new revenue.

It is television which makes this question urgent. This is not the place to anticipate the profound developments, sociological as well as economic, which the coming of the living figure upon the screen is going to effect in our daily lives, but those developments

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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### HORIZONTAL

- 1—What do some country people call an onion? (Dial.)
- 5—What English dramatist wrote "Euphues" from which "Euphuism" is formed?
- 9—Roman household god
- 10—What English dramatist wrote "Venice Preserved"?
- 13—A suffix used to form personal nouns from adjectives
- 14—What is a tract of land producing grass for hay?
- 16—Inclined
- 17—Marked with veins
- 19—Never (past)
- 21—A part of the foot
- 23—Suffix. Same as "ous"
- 25—Mohammedan proper name
- 26—A bird
- 28—Advance guard
- 30—To poke
- 31—Willingly or freely

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 34—To lubricate
- 36—Prefix. With 37—Likewise
- 39—What large extinct plesios lived in Mauritius?
- 41—What other name has the lethargus of Panama?
- 44—To be sleepy
- 47—Like a bear
- 48—Possessive pronoun
- 50—What is the bole of a tree?
- 51—One of the months (abbr.)
- 52—Being in want
- 53—A medicinal plant

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Basides
- 16—To draw, as from a source
- 18—An American Indian
- 20—Soon to occur
- 22—The highest note in Guld's scale
- 24—What is an ancient Scandinavian bard or minstrel called?
- 27—Dwellings
- 29—Toward the stern
- 32—A native state in Central India
- 33—What kind of a snake is the aboma?
- 35—What group of islands lies west of Greece?
- 36—What seaport city of ancient Phoenicia occupied the site of modern Balda?
- 38—On what river is the Frankfurt of East Germany?
- 40—Lake of North Russia
- 42—A small stream
- 43—Afflicts with fatigue
- 45—To regret
- 46—Pig pen
- 48—A bird

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

are already beginning to knock at the door of each one of us. These developments will not only be national but international, and if Great Britain is to gain full advantage of the new "science of seeing at a distance" it is essential that the leaders of the nation should lift all this business of television-broadcasting from the plane of a single mere or less isolated and constructed broadcasting corporation to the broader plane of national concept allied with private competition—"Evening Standard."

## WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1928.—  
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER

### WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam .....	12' 11" 17'	5' 8"
Tytam Byewash .....	12' 4" 16'	8' 8"
Tytam Intermediate .....	10' 0" 4'	8' 8"
Tytam Tuk .....	28' 4" 38'	0' 8"
Wong Nei Chung .....	21' 7" 16'	5' 8"
Pokfulum .....	12' 1" 11'	10' 8"
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.]		
Tytam .....	283.99	258.30
Tytam Byewash .....	3.67	4.57
Tytam Intermediate .....	143.30	171.2
Tytam Tuk .....	82.00	658.00
Wong Nei Chung .....	8.80	12.82
Pokfulum .....	39.93	40.44
Total .....	1,800.29	1,140.89

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1927	1928
Consumption .....	215.29	217.00
Estimated population 411,000	421.380	
Consumption per head per day .....	17.4	17.1
Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts west of Garden-		

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Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during April, 1928.

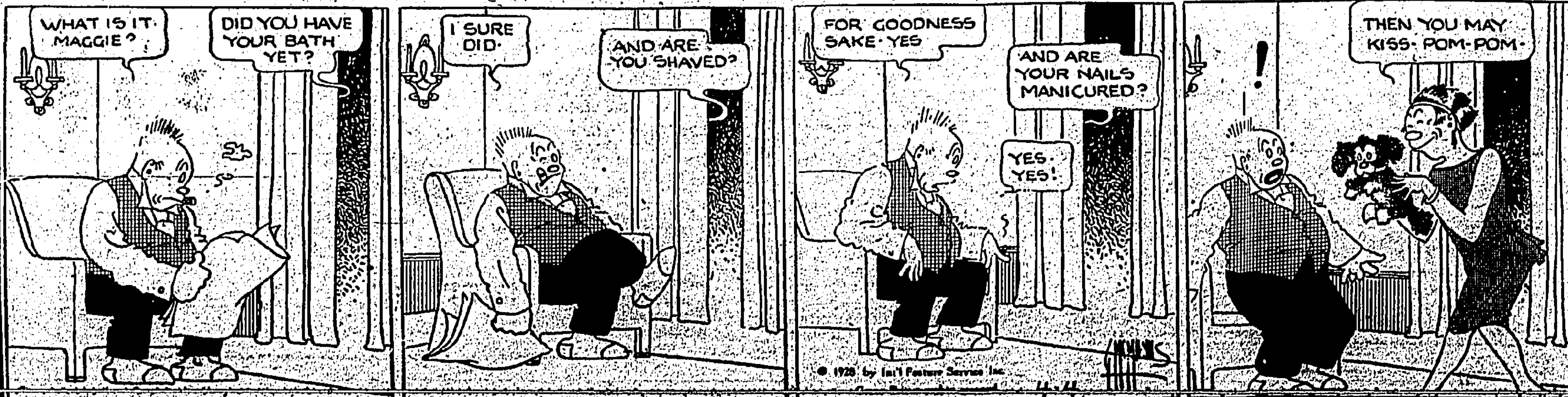
### KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .....	18' 0" 17'	4' 8"
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	20' 4" 8"	2' 8"
Reception Reservoir .....	10' 10" 2'	0' 8"
Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir .....	191.50	198.58
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	81.48	81.84
Reception Reservoir .....	80.95	27.87
Total .....	253.93	308.29
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.		
Consumption .....	81.36	97.59
Estimated population 159,320	164,880	
Consumption per head per day .....	17.0	19.7
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## CHILD MARRIAGES.

**MATTERS TO BE  
DEPLORED.**

[By E. Arnot Robertson.]

So much attention has been focused on the distressing question of child marriages in the East that surely a little might well be spared for the same subject at home; but a crying shame far afield is always more appealing to the sympathetic British mind than a merely ridiculous state of affairs close at hand.

Certainly, we do not marry our girls when they are actually children, but sociologists tell us that the development of a twelve-years-old Eastern-bred girl, living in a tropical climate, is equivalent to that of a girl of sixteen or seventeen in the West. And at eighteen or nineteen, with the full approval of their parents, numbers of English girls make the choice which is supposed to decide the whole course of their lives, encouraged by public opinion, which sentimentalises over a young bride.

Not only are these nice young things not legally of age; they are not even considered of an age when their opinion on any matter of importance would be thought worth listening to for a moment. And yet they are expected to discern among the jolly youths who dance with them and take them about in cars or on the backs of motor bicycles, the ones who will settle down into the most suitable companions for the very different women they themselves will become in 10 or 20 years.

Society, which aids and abets their absurdly immature decisions with wedding presents and tears at the ceremony, now holds up its hands in horror at the number of such marriages which come to grief every year.

During the last hundred years or so the average marriage age for girls has advanced a good deal, but not in proportion to the drastic changes in women's outlook and position. In the days when English girls of sixteen were pledged in marriage by their fathers without being consulted at all, women were entirely household chattels. They were brought up to hope for the best in the matter of their husbands' occasional sobriety and fidelity, but not to expect too much; and in any case among the leisured classes they would not have been allowed to get to know the man well before marriage, however old they were, so that it made no difference to the choice how young they were pledged.

Moreover, once married, there was no escape for them; a fact which made, if not for contentment, at least for endurance. Nowadays, with divorce always a possibility, marriage must be far more satisfactory than it used to be in order to endure at all—which emphasises the importance of the choice.

Neither in England nor India would legal interference be advisable: there are some girls of eighteen in England who are admirably fitted to make the most important decision of their lives, though the majority are not; and, on the other hand, there are plenty of young women of twenty-two and twenty-three who are still too immature.

Roughly, I should say that, for the majority, round about twenty-four is the age when a girl is likely to have acquired enough experience, not so much of the world as of herself, to know her own mind, if she is ever going to do so. It is only public opinion that can be of any use in this question.

Unfortunately, public opinion is so unstable. A little while ago Mr. T. P. O'Connor, who should have known better, gave out that, if he had the ruling of it, every girl would be married at 18 and every man at 21 because such early marriage gave the young people responsibility and steadied them.

The desire to "steady" the young, the instinct of age to rob youth of its short period of irresponsible gaiety—pathetically brief, as it is in most cases—is a natural but deplorable thing. The hardness of life steadies young people soon enough without politicians' help.

Among the poorer labouring classes, where marriage is often very early indeed, one sees constantly young women of twenty-five, married seven or even eight years already, looking about thirty-eight and worn out with constant household toil and child-bearing. They are the unpaid drudges of the nation, for whom the few years between leaving school and marriage form, almost always, by far the brightest time of their drab lives.

Neither public opinion nor custom should be allowed to deprive them of the little youth they have to enjoy, nor should girls of any other class be encouraged by the sentiment of family and

friends to decide a life-partnership at the age when they would not even be considered fit to invest fifty pounds for themselves, if they had it!

## AT LLOYD'S.

**CLOSING SCENE ON MOVING DAY.**

While the City presented the peaceful and deserted appearance that is common to every Good Friday, there were busy scenes in progress at Lloyd's old premises at the Royal Exchange, and in their palatial new building in Leadenhall-street. The moving of this vast establishment entailed unremitting labour, day and night, throughout the holidays.

A representative of "The Daily Telegraph" who visited the vacated premises found a wonderful scene of desolation in the historic "Room." The floor was almost ankle-deep in the litter of papers, and on each of the underwriters' and brokers' desks were piled up parcels of books, ledgers, and documents of all sorts, carefully tied in bundles and awaiting removal. The famous bell that was saved from the Lutine, which is only rung when an over-due vessel enters port, or on some other special occasion, was missing from its ornamental iron framing, preparatory to its entering on a fresh lease of usefulness over the imposing rostrum in the centre of the new "Room." The old clock had also disappeared.

When business closed there was a good-humoured ebullition of spirits on the part of the more youthful members. Streamers of coloured paper were flying about, toy trumpets and rattles made a deafening noise, and there were frequent outbursts of cheering. The noise grew until, at four o'clock, the chairman, Mr. P. G. Mackinnon, made his way to the criers' rostrum; a path had to be cleared for him and the members of the committee by a bodyguard of attendants. As the chairman stood, waiting to speak, he was greeted with an outburst of cheering which lasted until the Lutine bell had been rung thrice, but when he spoke not a sound disturbed what was undoubtedly a solemn occasion. With evident feeling Mr. Mackinnon said:—

Gentlemen—This occasion requires that I should say a few words to you. When business closes this afternoon we finally quit a building which has been the home of Lloyd's for nearly 100 years. Few of us can make such a change without some feelings of regret, but these feelings are especially acute for those of us who, like myself, have spent by far the greater part of their lives within these walls, and have sat in the seats that were occupied by former generations. We have, of course, had our troubles and our grave anxieties. I believe it is not these that we shall remember when we think of the old Lloyd's, but the many delightful associations of relationship, of friendship, of business, that have made so pleasant the years we have spent in these familiar surroundings. We leave with some sadness the scene of so much good in our personal lives, of so much growth and progress for the Corporation of Lloyd's.

The end of Mr. Mackinnon's speech was the signal for a fresh outburst of cheering. Someone started "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd joined in with voices from which tears were not far distant.



## HOT WEATHER PERILS AND THE BABY.

The hot months of the year are the most dangerous to infants and little children. Cholera infantum, diarrhoea, dysentery, and attacks of fever come on so quickly that the little one may be beyond aid almost before the parents realise he is ill.

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## COMMUNAL SINGING.

**HYMNS TO BE SET TO FOLK TUNES.**

**CHURCHMEN'S AIM.**

To find out the type of hymn and style of melody best calculated to develop the spiritual side of church work, the Churchmen's Choral Union, of 1A, The Cloisters, Inner Temple, have arranged to hold a conference at Ostend in Whitsun week, from May 26 till June 2.

Discussing the project with a newspaper representative the director of the union, Mr. Edgar Pettman, formerly organist of St. James's, Piccadilly, said, "It is all nonsense to think motoring and golf are keeping our people away from church. Give them a service at which they can sing and the congregations will come back."

"Most of the professional organists," he added, "have left the churches and gone to the cinemas, until in London there are only about thirty left. In Hampstead, for instance, there is only one. The result is the congregations are in the hands of men, who do not know the needs of the church, while there is coming into existence another class of man even more dangerous, and that is the 'new curate.' Half the music is entirely beside the mark, and when you get poor sermons on top of that, what is there to keep people in church? There never was worse choir singing, and beyond a few volunteers there is practically no artistic accompaniment outside half a dozen churches in London."

Such was the situation that, he explained, the union was out to remedy by communal hymn singing on artistic lines, and the musical committee of the union had drawn up for submission to the conference, which would be held in the Kursaal and the two halls of the Hotel de Ville, a number of hymns set to folk tunes for use in churches. They were a Church body, but they invited all who were interested in church music and dances to attend the conference, which was the first of its kind ever held. The speakers would include the Rev. E. J. Hawkins, of St. Paul's Cathedral; Dr. J. E. Borland, late musical adviser to the London County Council; Mr. Harvey Grace, editor of the "Musical Times"; Mr. G. T. Thalben-Ball, organist of the Temple Church; and Dr. Porritt, of Liverpool University.

Votes, said Mr. Pettman, would be taken upon the merits of a large number of folk tunes for inclusion in a book which it was proposed to publish.

On Whit Monday afternoon the delegates, numbering between 1,400 and 1,500, would sing in the open at Bruges, while in the evening a special choir of 300 mixed voices from England, conducted by Sir Henry Coward, would sing Stanford's "Revenge," accompanied by the Kursaal orchestra. It was hoped that a well-known British statesman would be present on that occasion.

## THE "ORPHAN" QUOTATION.

The controversy over the quotation "I expect to pass through this world but once etc.," seems well started. Like others, the present writer was under the impression that Marcus Aurelius was the author. But he does not presume to be positive. How many familiar quotations there are however, about which we are all at sea. Several years ago there was quite a violent dispute in a Shanghai paper as to how this saying should end: "There but for the grace of God, goes—." Who will supply the missing name? Frankly, we have forgotten. Again, does anyone know who wrote the Te Deum? Nine persons out of ten, if asked to place the quotation, "God tempests the wind to the shorn lamb" will confidently but quite erroneously reply the Bible. Then there are what might be called "spoof" quotations and similar inventions which have all the rank of true history. Actually, we believe, there is no older authority than Lewis Carroll for the myth that Cheshire cats grin; the Chester people themselves cannot tell you of any, though their shops are full of brass effigies of the beast. The very expressive word "galumph," which ought to appear in the Oxford Dictionary, if it doesn't, was pure invention of Lewis Carroll's again. And any number of people will swear that Dr. Johnson said, "Sir, let us take a walk down Fleet Street." Very likely he did. But there is no record thereof, and the sentence which used to adorn the cover of "Longman's" was invented by some one in the office, as appropriate to the magazine and having a fine Johnsonian ring about it.

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Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	
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FRIDAY, MAY 18.		
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.		
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THURSDAY, MAY 17.		
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## RUSSIANS IN INDIA.

## Aviators On Way To Kabul.

## 'PLANE CRASHES.

Two Men Taken To Kohat And Detained.

Peshawar, Yesterday. An aeroplane crashed at Parachinar and was badly damaged. Two Russian occupants escaped unhurt. They spoke no English but were able with the assistance of maps to indicate their route which was from Tremez to Kabul. They went to Kohat where they were detained.—Reuter.

## WRECKED CAR.

BUT NO REPORT TO POLICE.

The report of a motor car accident in the New Territories had reached Police Headquarters from Traffic Sergeant Tuckett who is stationed in that district.

According to the Sergeant, at 6.30 p.m., on April 13 whilst he was on motor cycle patrol at the railway bridge near Taipekau, he saw a wrecked motor car in a pond in the vicinity of the bridge. The car which was numbered 584, was registered in the name of Mr. E. D. Shank, of No. 9, Orient-building, Kowloon.

The pond was by the side of the road, to Fanling, and marks on the road indicated that the car had come from the direction of Fanling at a high speed and had swerved when it failed to take the turning underneath the railway bridge.

From inquiries the Sergeant made from people in the vicinity, the passengers in the car at the time of the accident were a European and a Chinese. Both were not injured and walked away from the scene of the accident.

The Sergeant's report added that the car was very badly damaged, and it ended by stating that no report of the accident had been made to the police by the owner of the car.

## CHINESE WINE.

## ONE WOMAN HELPS ANOTHER.

Senior Revenue Officer Watt this morning charged two Chinese women before Major C. Willson with the unlawful possession of two jars of dutiable Chinese wine in Connaught-road Central yesterday afternoon.

The first defendant, an aged crippled woman said that the wine was her property. The second defendant said that they were both passengers to Hong Kong on the s.s. "Kwongsi" and she carried the wine ashore as an act of kindness towards the old woman. She would not have done so had she not been ignorant of local regulations.

The S.R.O. told the Magistrate that the first defendant was a well-known figure on the waterfront. She was taking responsibility for the wine because she thought that being old and a cripple she would get off more lightly than her companion.

The Magistrate convicted both accused. The old woman was fined \$50 or four weeks, whilst the other was mulcted in the sum of \$25, or, in default, two weeks' hard labour.

## GOT \$25.

Luk Ko-ho, a married woman living at No. 38, Hollywood-road reported to the police yesterday afternoon, that a man who gave his name as Kwok Man, obtained \$25 from her on the pretext of getting a stall-holder's licence. A receipt was given to her for the money, but later when she made inquiries at the Hawkers' Licence Office at Police Headquarters she discovered that no application had been made for a licence in the name of Kwok Man.

A fold of the On Fat bicycle shop, No. 610, Shanghai-street, Yaumatei, has reported to the police that at about 8 o'clock last night two Chinese youths hired from the shop two bicycles valued at \$25, and left after paying small deposits. They have not returned the machines since.

## BANK OF ENGLAND.

## Mr. Snowden Criticises Its Archaism.

## "PUBLIC CORPORATION."

Suggests New Body Representing Finance, Labour, Etc.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. Samuel, financial secretary to the Treasury, moved the second reading of the Currency and Bank-notes Bill, amalgamating cur-



Philip Snowden

rency notes with Bank of England notes as provided in the Budget.

Mr. P. Snowden moved an amendment withholding assent until investigation had been made of the constitution, powers and policy of the Bank of England in the light of modern developments in finance and industry.

He paid a tribute to the way the Bank of England discharged its powers but declared it was hampered by an archaic constitution. He favoured a public corporation on which financiers, industrialists, the Board of Trade, the co-operative movement and labour would be represented, and also urged implementing the Genoa Conference resolutions of 1922. He objected to fixing the fiduciary limit at £260,000,000 which would be insufficient to meet the legitimate expansion of industry or any exceptional but perfectly legitimate cause for an increase in currency notes.

The amendment was defeated by 229 votes to 101 and the bill read a second time.—Reuter.

## AN AIR SAUNTER.

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## MILLIONAIRE &amp; VALET.

London, Yesterday. The Dutch-American millionaire, Mr. Van Lear Black, left Croydon this morning in a hired Dutch Fokker monoplane. He took with him two pilots, a mechanic and a valet. He has set out on a 40,000-mile flight to Capetown, then to Tokyo, and back.

Dressed in an ordinary lounge suit and a trilby hat, Mr. Van Lear Black strolled to the aerodrome and mounted the machine casually as though taking a motor trip.

His plans are to visit the centres of industries in which he is interested. He travels via Cairo both ways, branching off from there on the return journey to China and Japan.—Reuter.

## BATAVIA 'QUAKE.

## ASHES SHOOT 70 FEET IN AIR.

## VILLAGER KILLED.

Batavia, Yesterday. A violent earthquake occurred at Desas Imbar, followed by a volcanic eruption in the village of Timbang. Stones and ashes were shot 70 feet in the air and a stream of lava destroyed 14 houses. One villager was killed.—Reuter.

## REACHES CALCUTTA.

## D'OISY MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Captain Pelletier D'Oisy, who is flying from Paris to Tokyo, has arrived here.—Reuter.

## U.S. &amp; BRITAIN.

## New Arbitration Treaty.

## UNDER DISCUSSION.

Draft Does Not Meet All Britain's Requirements.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Sir A. Chamberlain said the draft arbitration treaty to replace the Anglo-American arbitration treaty expiring on June 4, and communicated by the United States Government, had not met the requirements of His Majesty's Government in all respects, and added that in view of the complexity of the questions involved and the necessity of consulting the Dominions' Governments, further time would be required before a decision could be reached.

It had been suggested to the Dominions' Governments, with the cognisance of the United States Government, that the present Root-Bryce Treaty should be temporarily extended, although there was a doubt whether the United States Senate would be able to consider the questions before their recess.—Reuter.

## PREFERRED PEAK.

## AND LIKED TRAVELLING CLOCKS.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with thefts at no fewer than eight Peak houses, it was stated that he had a partiality for travelling clocks.

The accused pleaded "guilty" to all the charges which covered a period of months, from March to date.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy applied for a remand for the purpose of considering the making of an application for the accused's committal to the Criminal Sessions. He accused had a very bad criminal record. He had been banished from the Colony twice, but seemed determined to stay here. The C.D.I. requested a remand in police custody until Friday.

Mr. Lindsell inquired as to the action of the pawnbrokers who had taken the stolen properties in pawn.

The C.D.I. said that with two possible exceptions, he did not think that the police could prove gross negligence on the part of the pawn-brokers. Two of the clocks bore monograms, and the police would consider what action to take against the pawn-brokers who had taken these clocks in pawn.

A remand was given in police custody until Friday next.

## TOLD TO RUN.

A sneak thief this morning pleaded "guilty" before Major C. Willson to a charge of snatching a handbag from a Chinese lady in Lee House-street yesterday afternoon.

The accused caused some merriment in Court, however, by adding that he did not personally snatch the bag from the lady. What happened was that another man stole the bag and handing it to him told him to run. As he had been only a couple of days in the Colony, he took the bag and ran as he was told to. He stopped as soon as a constable approached him.

The Magistrate convicted the accused on an alternate charge of receiving stolen property, and passed sentence of six months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

## NO LICENCE.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with driving a motor car belonging to the Dairy Farm on Mount Davis-road with a driver's licence and without the permission of the owners of the car. As the result of the accused's interference with the car, it was stated to have been damaged to the extent of \$15. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and ordered the accused to pay a further \$20 as damages. The alternative was a total of 20 days' hard labour.

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